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ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

**April 17, 2013 at 10:00 am
at City Hall in the Committee Room**

PRESENT: _____

A. DELEGATIONS

B. REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D NEW BUSINESS

1. A phone call was received from Marie Bonnell requesting the Committee to discuss the current crosswalk on 3rd Avenue at Kingsway Street and Dunbar Street.

2. A letter was received by Mayor and Council from R.A. Jack expressing concern for the safety of users of the Gertrude Street bridge and requesting Council reconsider their decision not to undertake the project to widen the bridge in 2013.

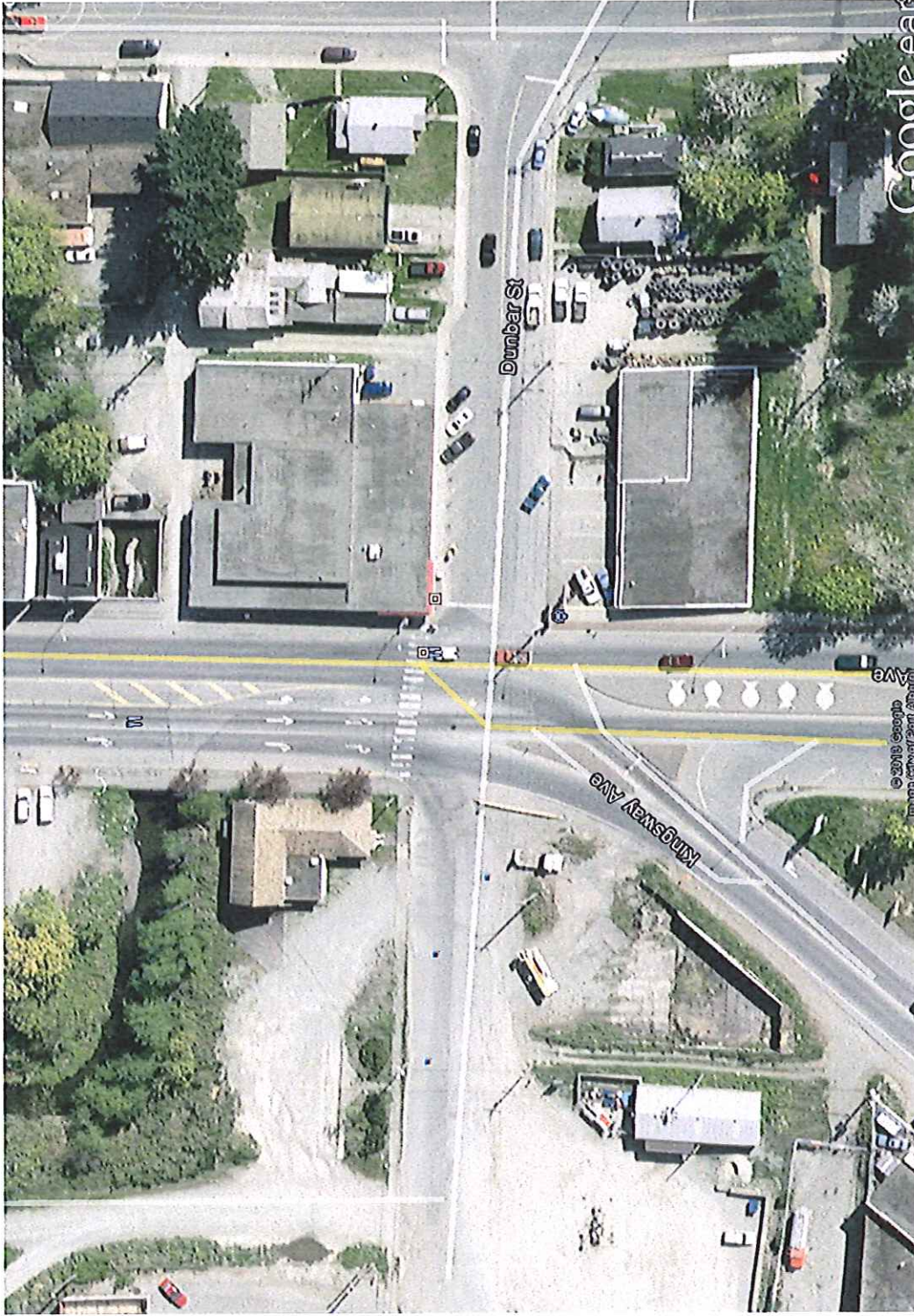
DISCUSSION

SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2013

**April 17, 2013
July 17, 2013
October 16, 2013**

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Councillor Rob Cole
Councillor Dan Washington (alternate)
Ken Watson - City Manager
Davina Sparrow - City Clerk
Guy Cicon - City Engineer
Randy Fraser, Streets Superintendent
Scott Smith, Planner
Tim Hautzinger, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Scott Kenny, Director of Parks and Recreation
Sgt. Dave Paddock – R.C.M.P.
Deputy Fire Chief Chris Jancowski - Fire Department
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Sgt. Joe Schofield, Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services, email agenda to joe.schofield@rcmp-grc.gc.ca



DISCUSS CROSSWALK ON 3RD AVE

Call from Marie Bonnell Jan 22/13 778-421-3661



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April 2, 2013

R.A. Jack
4890 Swanson Street
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 6M8

Dear R.A. Jack:

At a regular meeting on March 25th, 2013, Council for the City of Port Alberni received your letter March 20, 2013 expressing your concern for the safety of users of the Gertrude Street Bridge and requesting Council reconsider their decision not to undertake the project to widen the bridge in 2013.

Council directed that the issue be forwarded to the next Advisory Traffic Committee meeting on April 17th for review. We would also advise that while this project was removed from this year's 5 Year Financial Plan, it does still remain a priority in the Plan for 2014.

Thank you for taking the time to write to Council on this issue.

Yours truly,
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Davina Hartwell
City Clerk

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Mayor John Douglas:

With regards to council's recent cancellation of the Gertrude Bridge widening project I find some serious concerns to myself, family, neighbours and all others using this bridge.

The compressed curb to curb width of the vehicle deck coupled with its extremely narrow walkways, combined with the flow of heavy traffic in opposing directions presents a serious hazard. This is a bridge used by middle school students, neighbourhood residents, and dike users alike. There is high pedestrian traffic using this confining bridge. One can witness families pushing strollers, riding bikes, walking dogs, all having to be done in a single file while rushing across and literally trying to "hug the railing" just to be as physically afar from traffic as possible.

I and others both frequenting and living in the area have been in discussion on this matter and overwhelmingly agree it is not if, but when an incident will occur and we are very hopeful that you might reconsider your decision on this project.

Thank-you,

R.A. Jack
March 20, 2013

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