



City of Port Alberni

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from the Meeting held Wednesday, April 15th, 2015 at 10:00 am

PRESENT: Wilf Taekema - Chair, Ron Paulsen (City Councillor), Larry Ransom (SD#70), Cpl. Mike Elston (Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services), Sgt. Darrin Ramey (Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services), Cameron McKinnon (Diversified Transportation), Staff Sgt. Dave Paddock (RCMP), Sgt. Dave Boyce (RCMP), Caroline Robinson (ICBC), Peggy Gibbs (ICBC)

REGRETS: Guy Cicon (City Engineer), Deputy Fire Chief (PAFD), Phil Atkinson (Diversified Transportation), Pat Dahlquist (SD#70)

DELEGATIONS

Action
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Request by City Council regarding a left turn signal at the lights at the intersection of Johnston Rd and Cherry Creek Road. Guy Cicon has discussed these concerns with the Ministry of Transportation.**

Councillor Paulsen added that Council would be continuing these discussions at a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation on May 14th. GC

2. **Concern expressed by a member of the public regarding speeding vehicles around parks and school zones in the city. A response letter was sent outlining the Committee's recommendations. However, a follow-up email has now been received requesting the Committee reconsider some of their recommendations.** Another response letter will be sent by the City Engineer. WT/GC

Wilf has investigated solar power kits for speed reader boards and will add the item to next year's budget. Wilf will talk to Caroline from ICBC regarding cost-sharing solar power kits and speed reader boards. Wilf suggested that the speed reader board at Weaver Park be turned around for northbound traffic. Sgt. Ramey agreed that this should work very well.

3. **Request by Bob Kanngiesser regarding removing the 2 crosswalks on Burde Street in front of the former highschool and converting the 4-way stop at Burde St. and Estevan Dr to a two-way stop. A response letter was sent outlining the Committee's recommendations. However, a follow-up email has now been received requesting the Committee reconsider some of their recommendations.** Another response letter will be sent by the City Engineer. GC

Historically, Burde Street was a through street with no stop signs. The Committee discussed the fact that the 4-way stop was installed for safety

reasons due to sightline issues as the intersection is located at the top of a hill. It was noted that there is a school bus pickup/drop off near the intersection as well. The RCMP, Diversified Transportation and ICBC representatives commented that they would have serious concerns if the four-way stop was to be taken out. It was also decided that the City would not incur the expense of taking out the crosswalk signs in front of the old highschool at this time. These would be removed at the time of redevelopment of the site.

4. **Request by Jim Dyk to discuss the awkward and dangerous intersection of Warnock and Maitland Street. He has suggested a traffic island as a possible fix.**

This area is residential-only, low-volume traffic and there is a centreline on Maitland Street. Wilf will paint stop bars on Maitland Street and Warnock Avenue this year, but feels any further controls may confuse drivers. The Committee would still be interested in more in-depth statistics from ICBC for this intersection.

WT/GC

5. **Cam McKinnon brought forward concerns from his bus drivers regarding removing curbing at Maquinna School on 15th Avenue to get parked cars out of the lane of traffic.**

Wilf reported that the curb was painted last summer and is still in good shape. The RCMP hasn't had any complaints regarding this area and, in fact, the narrow road tends to slow down the traffic.

WT

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Concerns by Pat Dahlquist regarding traffic congestion which may occur on 10th Avenue and Redford Street with the proposal of a gas station next to Tim Horton's.**

Larry Ransom, on behalf of Pat Dahlquist, reported that a School Board designate was at the Public Hearing for this proposal. A traffic median is planned for 10th Avenue which should alleviate traffic congestion. There was also a concern regarding the turning radius of fuel trucks which was discussed at the Public Hearing. Councillor Paulsen pointed out that there used to be a gas station on all four corners of this intersection at one time. Larry Ransom requested that this issue be flagged for the future regarding traffic concerns due to upcoming school closures possibly changing traffic patterns again.

GC

DISCUSSION

Councillor Paulsen reported that the old Esso Cardlock lot on Harbour Road that was offered to the City, will be open once the environmental process is completed. This will create an opportunity to link the lighthouse to Harbour Quay for pedestrians.

S.Sgt. Dave Paddock brought up an issue regarding eastbound traffic crossing 10th Avenue at Argyle Street. Drivers have been going through the intersection without stopping when there is an oversized vehicle in the lane beside them. They cannot see the stop sign, nor pedestrians. The Committee has asked for crash data from ICBC for this intersection. It was suggested that the City investigate painting "Stop Ahead" signs in the lanes.

GC/WT

Wilf brought forward a concern from a parent regarding the crosswalk at Wood Avenue and Redford Street being dangerous for school kids to cross. It was suggested that she phone SD#70 as school catchment areas may change with the planned school closures.

Wilf reported that there will be an advanced left turn on Stamp Avenue at Redford Street for southbound traffic. Cost sharing has been discussed with ICBC and it has been approved in the budget. The work will be done this year.

GC/WT

MEETING DATES FOR 2015:

July 15, 2015
October 21, 2015

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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April 20, 2015

Bob Kanngiesser,
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Dear Mr. Kanngiesser,

Re: Former ADSS crosswalks on Burde Street and 4-way stop at Estevan Drive

Thank you for your letter of November 4, 2014. Please be advised that the City's Advisory Traffic Committee met on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 and reviewed your request for the removal of the 4 crosswalk signs on Burde Street at the former highschool as well as the removal of the 4-way stop at the intersection of Estevan Drive and Burde Street.

The Committee decided that it was not a priority for the City to incur the expense of taking out the crosswalk signs in front of the old highschool. The signs would be removed at the time of redevelopment of the site.

The Committee also discussed the four-way stop at Burde Street and Estevan Drive. It was noted that historically, Burde Street was a through street with no stop signs. The 4-way stop was installed for safety reasons due to sightline challenges as the intersection is located at the top of a hill. There is also a school bus pickup/drop off near the intersection. The RCMP, Diversified Transportation and ICBC representatives all expressed serious concerns if the 4-way stop was to be removed.

I appreciate your concern on these matters. Please call me if you have any further questions.

Yours truly,

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April 20, 2015

Email: tazieman@hotmail.com

Dear Chris,

Re: Concern expressed regarding speeding vehicles around parks and school zones

Thank you for your email received January 27, 2015 with regards to further concerns about speeding vehicles at the Weaver Park area.

On Wednesday, April 15th the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns. The Streets Superintendent and RCMP suggested that the City turn the speed reader board around to catch northbound traffic at Weaver Park. The Streets Superintendent has investigated solar power kits for speed reader boards. With cost-sharing assistance from ICBC for speed reader boards and solar power kits, the City will be able to have increased flexibility at more sites in the future. The RCMP and Speedwatch will continue to monitor Weaver Park as well as other schools.

I appreciate your concern on this matter. Please call me if you have any further questions.

Yours truly,

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Guy Cicon,
City Engineer