



City of Port Alberni

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from the Meeting held Wednesday, April 16th, 2014 at 10:00 am

PRESENT: Guy Cicon - Chair, Pat Dahlquist (SD#70), Caroline Robinson (ICBC), Sgt. Joe Schofield, Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services

REGRETS: Rob Cole (City Councillor), Cameron McKinnon (Diversified Transportation), Phil Atkinson (Diversified Transportation) Sgt. Dave Paddock (RCMP), Deputy Fire Chief Chris Jancowski (PAFD)

DELEGATIONS

**Action
By**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Crash Data information for the intersection of Johnston Road and Broughton Street requested from ICBC.**

GC/CR

This information is available on Crash Maps on the ICBC website under "newsroom" and "stats". Six crashes were reported for the last five years.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request by Stacey Gaiga for a stop sign on the northeast corner of the intersection of Stirling Street and 2nd Avenue.**

GC

The Committee discussed the low volume of traffic at this intersection and did not feel a 3 way stop sign was warranted. The RCMP will look at increased enforcement for speed/speed watch. A sight line analysis may need to be done for vehicles and pedestrians. The City will be upgrading 2nd Avenue to Melrose Street this summer so it will give us a good opportunity to observe the traffic at the intersection. The City Engineer will send a response to Stacey Gaiga.

- 2. Request by James King to paint white-line crosswalks at the following intersections: Johnston & Bishop, Johnston and Merrifield and Johnston and Muir. He also requested the repainting of all faded crosswalks in the Johnston Road, 10th Avenue and 3rd Avenue areas.**

GC

There are typically limited crossings on Provincial Highways. Pedestrians should cross at controlled intersections such as Cherry Creek Road and Tebo Avenue. We don't want to encourage crossing at uncontrolled intersections.

MEETING DATES FOR 2014:

July 16, 2014
October 15, 2014

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

DISTRIBUTION

Council
Ken Watson - City Manager
Davina Sparrow - City Clerk
Guy Cicon - City Engineer
Randy Fraser - Streets Superintendent
Scott Smith - City Planner
Tim Hautzinger - Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Scott Kenny - Director of Parks and Recreation
Sgt. Dave Paddock – RCMP
Deputy Fire Chief Chris Jancowski - Fire Department
Pat Dahlquist - Trustee, SD 70, email agenda to wdahlqui@shaw.ca
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Sgt. Joe Schofield, Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services, email agenda to joe.schofield@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Bill Brown – cyclist, email agenda to billtbrown@shaw.ca
Kevin Head – cyclist, email agenda to kevin.head@gmail.com

Veronica Irg

From: Stacey Gaiga <staceygaiga@shaw.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 4:06 PM
To: Guy Cicon
Cc: Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: New Stop Sign Proposal

Thank you for letting me know.
Stacey

From: Guy Cicon [mailto:guy_cicon@portalberni.ca]
Sent: April 30, 2014 2:54 PM
To: 'Stacey Gaiga'
Cc: Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: New Stop Sign Proposal

Hello Stacey,

The ATC looked at the intersection of Stirling and 2nd Ave at the April 16th meeting. Your immediate concerns were not shared with the committee. We recognize the nature and volume of traffic and did not feel a 3 way stop was warranted. The City will be upgrading 2nd Ave up to Montrose this summer and it will give us a good opportunity to observe the traffic at the intersection. I will also be open to meeting you on site to discuss further if you like.

Regards,
Guy

From: Stacey Gaiga [mailto:staceygaiga@shaw.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 1:01 PM
To: Guy Cicon
Cc: Randy Fraser; Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: New Stop Sign Proposal

Hi Guy,

This is just a follow up to find out what the result is of my inquiry to install a stop sign at Stirling and Second...

Thanks,
Stacey

From: Stacey Gaiga [mailto:staceygaiga@shaw.ca]
Sent: March 12, 2014 5:48 PM
To: 'Guy Cicon'
Cc: 'Randy Fraser'; 'Veronica Irg'
Subject: RE: New Stop Sign Proposal

Thanks so much Guy.

From: Guy Cicon [mailto:guy_cicon@portalberni.ca]
Sent: March 12, 2014 5:17 PM
To: 'staceygaiga@shaw.ca'

Cc: Randy Fraser; Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: New Stop Sign Proposal

Hi Stacey,

I will review with Randy and make sure it is on the ATC.

Thanks

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
City of Port Alberni
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From: Randy Fraser
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 8:13 AM
To: Guy Cicon; Veronica Irg
Subject: FW: New Stop Sign Proposal

From: Stacey Gaiga [<mailto:staceygaiga@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 3:14 PM
To: Randy Fraser
Cc: Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: New Stop Sign Proposal

Hello Randy,

This is just a follow up regarding the email correspondence below about implementing a new stop sign at Sterling and 2nd. Have you had an opportunity to review this request?

Thanks,
Stacey Gaiga

From: Guy Cicon [mailto:guy_cicon@portalberni.ca]
Sent: January 23, 2014 8:46 AM
To: 'staceygaiga@shaw.ca'
Cc: Scott Smith; Randy Fraser; Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: New Stop Sign Proposal

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
City of Port Alberni
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From: Scott Smith
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 7:50 AM
To: Guy Cicon; Randy Fraser
Cc: Ken Watson
Subject: FW: New Stop Sign Proposal

Hi Stacey,

We took a quick peak at it and determined that it is a matter for the Advisory Traffic Committee.
We will forward it on your behalf.

Regards,

Guy

Veronica – Please add to next agenda

Hi Guy

Can you please respond to Stacey request for a stop sign.

Thanks

Scott Smith

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From: Stacey Gaiga [<mailto:staceygaiga@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Monday, January 20, 2014 5:25 PM

To: Scott Smith

Cc: franco@francoaero.com

Subject: New Stop Sign Proposal

Hi Scott,

Thanks so much for returning my call today.

We are interested in knowing what the procedure is to propose the installation of a new stop sign in our neighbourhood.

We live at the intersection of 2nd and Sterling on the SW corner directly across from Ty Watson Hospice and we often see people driving very fast through the intersection, heading west/downhill on Sterling toward 1st Avenue.

It is a very steep incline and almost impossible to see anyone driving up the hill or walking across the street until the vehicle you're in is the middle of the intersection or already on the downward slope.

RCMP Officer Andy Bezanson experienced this steep part of the street on Stirling that starts at the intersection of 2nd Avenue. He was not familiar with the street and basically lost control in the snow and had to drive up on the boulevard of our backyard and smash the RCMP truck he was driving into my neighbours car to avoid sliding all the way down the hill. [He was unsure if Stirling Street that ends at 1st Avenue had a cliff on the opposite side of 1st beyond the trees].

Our concern is that we see people, mostly younger drivers, speeding through the intersection without slowing to see if children or vehicles could be obstructing their right of way, to avoid a collision.

Our proposal is to have a stop sign installed on the North East Corner of the intersection to help prevent potential safety issues/collisions. We often pull out of our driveway on Stirling hoping someone doesn't come barrelling down the hill without slowing for a visual first.

If vehicles were to stop at the intersection, that already has two stop signs North and Southbound on 2nd Avenue, once the vehicle starts to accelerate after the stop sign, the speed will be minimal and the drivers will be able to see if anything is obstructing the road in time to stop if there is a need to.

This would make the intersection a 3 way stop. It would not be advisable to make it a 4 way stop due to the incline of Stirling Street before 2nd Avenue heading east.

I look forward to hearing from you on what the procedure is to see if this is possible, or if anyone there agrees with this idea.

Thanks Scott,



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May 14, 2014

Mr. James King
Port Alberni, BC
Email: jamesdking2010@gmail.com

Dear Mr. King,

Re: Request for crosswalks and improvements for pedestrian crosswalks

Please be advised that the City's Advisory Traffic Committee met on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 and reviewed your request for crosswalks on Johnson Road and improvements for pedestrian crosswalks.

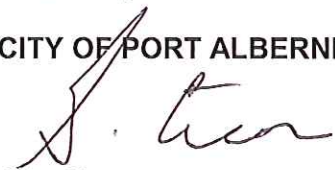
Regarding your request for crosswalks on Johnson Road at Bishop Avenue, Merrifield Road and Muir Road, there are typically limited crossings on Provincial Highways. Pedestrians should cross at controlled intersections such as Cherry Creek Road and Tebo Avenue. We don't want to encourage crossing at uncontrolled intersections.

Regarding your request for a crosswalk on 10th Avenue between the Save-On Foods (formerly Safeway) and Fairway markets, please note that there is a crosswalk on 10th Avenue at Bute Street.

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

Yours truly,

CITY OF PORT ALBERNI


Guy Cicon,
City Engineer