



City of Port Alberni

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from the Meeting held Wed., April 17th, 2013 at 10:00 am

PRESENT: Guy Cicon - Chair, Randy Fraser (City of PA), Rob Cole (City Councillor), S/Sgt. Mike Coady (RCMP), Phil Atkinson (Diversified Transportation), Cameron McKinnon (Diversified Transportation), Chris Jancowski (Firehall), Caroline Robinson (ICBC), Dave Hill (ICBC)

REGRETS: Pat Dahlquist (SD#70), Sgt. Joe Schofield (CVITS), Cpl. Mike Elston (CVITS)

DELEGATIONS

Bill Brown, Member of Public/Cyclist

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NEW BUSINESS

1. **A phone call was received from Marie Bonnell requesting the Committee discuss the current crosswalk on 3rd Avenue at Kingsway Street and Dunbar Street.** GC/RF
The Committee discussed issues at this intersection such as pedestrian safety, poor visibility, speed concerns and the wideness of the street. Motorists and pedestrians need to be reminded to be vigilant. It was also suggested that perhaps some pre-warning signage might be useful to alert motorists to the crosswalk ahead. It was also brought up by Bill Brown that bike lanes at intersections are pinch zones and this intersection island may need to be redesigned for a future bike lane. The Committee will continue to monitor this intersection.
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.** GC/RF
City Council made the decision to not undertake the bridge widening in 2013, however the work will be scheduled for 2014. Randy Fraser reported that there would be patching work on the bridge this year, as the bridge deck is cracked severely, timbers are rotting and the railings need to be replaced. Rob Cole questioned ICBC staff whether ICBC would help with the ranking of the most dangerous intersections/roadways in Port Alberni to create a comprehensive list to follow for future attention. An indepth screening report requested from ICBC identifying problem intersections, would cost approximately \$10,000 with 50% funding from ICBC. Consultants would have a workshop with City staff and provide recommendations and improvements. Or, ICBC staff could screen intersections already known to be problem intersections perhaps for no cost. Dave Hill, ICBC, reported that there is a new Pavement Signing and Marking Review program available for municipalities through ICBC.

Caroline Robinson, ICBC sent a link for crash data for Port Alberni -

<http://public.tableausoftware.com/views/AzIntersectionCrashesforVancouverIsland20072011/VIDaShboard?:embed=y>

If the link doesn't work, you can try: icbc.com, NEWSROOM on our homepage in the grey bar to the left, STATISTICS in the same area to the left, CRASH MAPS, VANCOUVER ISLAND...and the rest is self-explanatory.

DISCUSSION

Bill Brown, a local cyclist, addressed the Committee. He has experience commuting to work by bicycle in various communities and has been a Courier truck driver for many years. Bill reported that there is no formal cycling group in Port Alberni at this time, but there are a few cyclists that meet informally. Their goal is to help educate cyclists and drivers on the rules of the road. They wish to stay involved in the community and create bike lanes to make cyclists more predictable to drivers.

GC/RF

Guy reported that Council has approved a Bike Route Study (\$20,000). This process will begin with stakeholders meetings. Guy will report on a regular basis to the Committee regarding this ongoing study.

GC

S/Sgt. Mike Coady, RCMP, commented on the red flashing lights he has noticed on bicycles around town. He reported that there are very few incidents involving bikes that have these lights.

CM/RF

Phil reported on BC Transit alterations to current bus routes. The new turnaround time will be 40 minutes instead of 45 minutes. June 30 is the unconfirmed date to implement these changes.

Deputy Fire Chief, Chris Jancowski reported on an initiative by the firehall to decrease response times from the fire station to the site. Data is being collected on sightlines at intersections, number of pedestrians in the area and problem intersections.

Caroline Robinson, ICBC, gave the Committee members an updated Road Safety Calendar and offered the use of any educational materials the City needs. She reported that Provincially there are more cyclists and pedestrians. Caroline reported on projects that ICBC will participate in: Bike Rodeos including donating helmets, a Road Safety Speakers tour at ADSS in time for graduation, and Caroline is working with Jen Allen (RCMP) on pedestrian safety through Shaw Cable.

Dave Hill, ICBC, reported that there is new funding available for pro-active programs. Dave handed out copies of ICBC Cost Sharing Opportunities – Road Improvement Program.

Cam McKinnon brought up a safety concern. Due to new bus routes the direction of travel for the buses at EJ Dunn has changed when dropping off kids. The kids now have to cross the street and there have been some recent near-misses. Randy Fraser has agreed to do some boulevard work so the bus stop at EJ Dunn can relocate to Argyle Street.

CM/RF

2013 MEETINGS

July 17, 2013 October 16, 2013

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

DISTRIBUTION

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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

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April 24, 2013

R.A. Jack
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Dear Mr./Ms. Jack,

Re: Letter to City Council regarding Gertrude Street bridge widening project

Thank you for your letter dated March 20, 2013 with regard to your concerns about City Council's decision not to undertake the project to widen the Gertrude Street bridge in 2013.

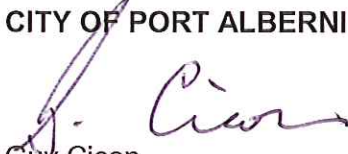
On Wednesday, April 17th the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns. The City Engineer reported that there would be patching work on the bridge this year as the bridge deck is cracked severely, timbers are rotting and the railings need to be replaced. The bridge widening work will be brought forward in the 2014 Capital Budget.

Discussion took place regarding ICBC's providing the City with screening reports identifying problem intersections in Port Alberni where recommendations and improvements would be suggested. This would help to create a comprehensive list of dangerous intersections/roadways to follow for future attention.

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

Yours truly,

CITY OF PORT ALBERNI


Guy Cicon,
City Engineer

cc Davina Hartwell, City Clerk
Port Alberni City Council



2013 ICBC Road Safety Campaign Calendar

Road Safety Issue	Auto Crime	Intersections/ High Risk Driving	Impaired (Summer)	Distractions	Occupant Restraints	Speed Relative to Conditions	Impaired (Winter)	Safer Vehicles
Enhanced Enforcement Period	February	May	July	September	September	November	December	
Campaign Messages	Bait cars are everywhere. Steal a bait car, go to jail. Steal from a bait car, go to jail	Driving is one of the most complex things you do all day. If you don't notice all the things going on at an intersection, your mind's not on the road. Keep your mind on the road.	Share the responsibility of being a designated driver; take your turn to help your friends and family get home safe. You may have convinced yourself you're fine to drive, but are you fine to get pulled over? Choose a safe way home, plan ahead, call a cab, take transit, have a designated driver.	Driving is one of the most complex things you do all day. If you're distracted by your cell phone or anything else, your mind's not on the road. Keep your mind on the road.	Police enforcement of seatbelts is up. So remember to buckle up. Police enforcement is up. And a ticket will cost you \$167. So remember to buckle up.	Driving is one of the most complex things you do all day. If you're rushing to be somewhere, your mind's not on the road. Keep your mind on the road.	Share the responsibility of being a designated driver; take your turn to help your friends and family get home safe. You may have convinced yourself you're fine to drive, but are you fine to get pulled over? Choose a safe way home, plan ahead, call a cab, take transit, have a designated driver.	Seatbelts and airbags aren't the only features that keep you safe. Not all safety features are standard.
Messaging Period	February	April-May	July	August-September	September	October-November	December	Throughout 2013
Target Audience	Auto thieves.	BC drivers. Motorcyclists, pedestrians, cyclists.	BC drivers 19-45 years of age.	BC drivers.	BC drivers.	BC drivers.	BC drivers 19-45 years of age.	All new and used car buyers. Emphasis on used vehicles. Parents or potential parents with young children or teenage drivers.

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Date: January 23, 2013

RE: ICBC Cost Sharing Opportunities - Road Improvement Program

The following summarizes the various initiatives that funding assistance can be provided from ICBC's Road Improvement Program (RIP) towards safety improvements in BC communities. The Program aims to reduce crashes and claims costs, and reduce the potential for crashes, by financially supporting engineering measures that will improve safety at recognized high crash and high conflict locations.

Municipal Capital & Rehabilitation Projects

ICBC will cost share with municipalities on Road Improvement Projects that incorporate proven safety measures at documented high crash and high conflict locations. These include but are not limited to traffic signals, modern roundabouts, corridor widening, street lighting and intersection channelization.

Modern Roundabouts

Roundabouts can help reduce serious crashes, particularly crashes involving bodily injury, while also lessening vehicle speed, improving pedestrian and bicycle safety and eliminating the need for traffic signals. In addition to providing cost sharing of modern roundabouts at high crash locations, ICBC can assist in identifying the benefits of roundabouts and appropriate locations, and in providing implementation assistance in terms of education material.

Road Sign & Road Marking Reviews & Upgrades

ICBC is encouraging smaller communities to upgrade their road signs and markings to a consistent standard. This is being undertaken by offering workshops, conducting a review of existing facilities and procedures and helping cost share towards any recommended improvements.

Safety Studies

Funding will be available to cost share on safety studies of intersections, corridors or other areas of concern to the community. Typically, we undertake safety reviews that help the municipality to evaluate recognized safety concerns and identify safety improvement options for municipal consideration. The studies also indicate ICBC funding levels that may be warranted towards the various improvement options.

Grey Spot Safety Treatments

ICBC will help cost share towards improvements that attempt to pro-actively address safety concerns at locations that are associated with high conflict situations. This will involve sites that may not be eligible for funding based on a recorded crash history.

Innovation & New Technology

New technology and new tools to respond to road safety issues are constantly being developed. ICBC will support municipalities to study and implement road improvements that may not currently have extensive research, but show promise of potential safety benefits.

Vulnerable Road User Improvements

ICBC will help fund safety improvements related to vulnerable road users (i.e; pedestrian & cyclists). This can include pedestrian crosswalks, countdown timers at signalized intersections, pedestrian activated flashing crosswalks, shoulder widening for bicycle use, sidewalks, etc...

Uninterrupted Power Supply Systems (UPS)

ICBC also provides funding towards the installation of UPS at signalized intersections to ensure that the signals remain operational during power outages.

Traffic Signal Head Upgrades

Safety can be improved at signalized intersections by upgrading existing signal heads from 200mm to 300mm diameter lenses, providing a primary signal head for each through lane, and installing highly reflective tape on the perimeter of the yellow backboards. ICBC funding assistance will be available for these types of improvements.

Highly Reflective Pavement Markings

ICBC will consider funding treatments that include upgrading paint markings to highly reflective inlaid profiled thermoplastic, surface-mounted highly reflective profiled thermoplastic, or wet reflective tape (inlaid or overlay) that have demonstrated effectiveness in reducing collision frequency and severity.

Anti-Skid Treatments

Implementation of anti-skid surfacing treatments to reduce the frequency of collisions at locations where there are collisions or conflicts occurring under wet pavement conditions or due to loss of control.

Enhanced Curve Delineation

ICBC will cost share towards improved curve delineation (i.e; signage & pavement markings) on roads with a history of off-road collisions.

Centre-line & Shoulder Rumble Strips

ICBC will help fund the installation of Centre-line and Shoulder rumble strips in areas where there has been a history of centre-line cross over and off road incidents.

Speed Reader Boards

In recent years this program was offered by ICBC, but it was not administered by the Road Improvement Program. Commencing in 2013, the RIP will be responsible for evaluating funding applications for these devices in areas where they are considered to be effective tools to address speed related concerns or increase driver awareness in high risk areas.

Road Safety Audits

ICBC will undertake road safety audits, at no cost to the municipality, of an existing or future road corridor or intersection improvement. Road safety audits can be used in any phase of project development from planning and preliminary engineering, design and construction.

It should be noted that ICBC's Road Improvement Program has limited resources and therefore applications are prioritized based on the available funding and review of the specific safety history at each site.

Applications for ICBC funding consideration for your area can be forwarded to the Road Safety Engineer as indicated by the contact information contained in this letter.



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