

A G E N D A

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

**April 20, 2016 at 10:00 am
at City Hall in the Committee Room**

PRESENT: _____

A. DELEGATIONS

B. REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES

_____ Anne Ostwald's SS11 class from ADSS

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Concerns by Margaret Uzelman regarding speeding traffic on Beaver Creek Road at Compton due to "slow school" signs being removed at the closure of Gill School. She suggested a flashing light crosswalk and signs erected to help with the safety of school children crossing on their way to AW Neill school. (Pat Dahlquist to report.)**

2. **Request by a concerned citizen for traffic calming on Rex Road due to speeding vehicles. (City Engineer to report.)**

3. **Suggestion by Ian Arklie of Pacific Rim Driving School to install school and playground signs at the end of these zones that illustrate the reduced speed zone is ending. (Report on outcome by ICBC traffic engineers.)**

4. **Request by Pat Dahlquist for a sidewalk for walking on Compton Road in front of AW Neill Elementary school. (Pat Dahlquist to report.)**

D **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request by Elia Nicholson-Nave, from the Kuu-Us office at 4589 Adelaide Street, to relocate the bus stop.** (See attached email.)

2. **Request from a member of the public for a deer crossing at 4026 Johnston Road.** (See attached email.)

3. **Concern expressed by Jessie McKay to Councillor Paulson, regarding speeding drivers through our school zones – Wood Elementary in particular. His suggestion is to install speed bumps.** (See attached email.)

4. **Request from Ann Ostwald's Social Studies 11 class to fix the path beside Bob Dailey Stadium – they may attend as a delegation.** (See attached email.)

5. **Request by Julia Payne for a crosswalk on River Road by Riverbend Park** (See attached email.)

6. **Concern by Claus Bergman regarding the unloading of delivery trucks in front of Beaver Creek Home Centre on Gertrude Street, blocking the only northbound lane. This results in backing up traffic into the intersection of Gertrude and Johnston Street.** (See attached email.)

DISCUSSION

SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2016:

July 20, 2016

October 19, 2016

DISTRIBUTION

Councillor Ron Paulson
Councillor Denis Sauvé (alternate)
Ken Watson - City Manager
Davina Hartwell - City Clerk
Guy Cicon - City Engineer
Wilf Taekema, Streets Superintendent
Scott Smith, City Planner
Tim Hautzinger, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Director of Parks and Recreation
Sgt. Dave Boyce – R.C.M.P.
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Bill Brown – cyclist, email agenda to billtbrown@shaw.ca
Kevin Head – cyclist, email agenda to kevin.head@gmail.com

Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 11:53 AM
To: Veronica Irg
Subject: FW: KUU-US wanting bus stop relocated

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Veronica,

To add to next ATC.....

Thanks,
Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
City of Port Alberni
250 720-2838

From: Wilf Taekema
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 11:39 AM
To: 'Phil Atkinson'
Cc: 'Cam Mckinnon'; Guy Cicon
Subject: RE: KUU-US wanting bus stop relocated

Good morning Phil; We have added this issue to the next ATC agenda (just in case it doesn't get worked out in the meantime) but I'm just wondering how many Alberni Elementary School children use the transit bus to get to school?

Thanks....Wilf

From: Phil Atkinson [<mailto:phil@patransit.pwt.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 11:51 AM
To: Wilf Taekema
Cc: 'Cam Mckinnon'
Subject: RE: KUU-US wanting bus stop relocated

Hi Wilf,

With most of our bus stops within the City there is usually no problem in moving the bus stops in any direction a few feet or even to the next block. However, there are exceptions and I'm afraid that this is one of those exceptions. All of our bus stops along this area which we refer to as the Johnson/Gertrude corridor are placed in what we believe is the best location and to move it would have a number of drawbacks. For example, a major concern we have is in relation to the students travelling to the Alberni Elementary School and by moving the bus stop back one block would cause these children to now cross two intersections. Normally they exit the bus and walk up to the intersection of Helen and Johnson and use the Traffic Lights to cross Johnson. Again, with the traffic congestion along this stretch of Johnson we are very concerned regarding the Safety factor. In our discussions here at Transit, Cam has well expressed the fact that *Safety Trumps Convenience*.

Cam has also suggested and I agree with him that maybe this is something that should be discussed at the next Traffic Advisory Meeting for input from other members, namely the RCMP and the School Board. As it would appear that Elia is determined to have the Bus stop moved and we on the other hand feel strongly that it should not be moved.

Hope this helps,

Phil

PHIL ATKINSON

Manager

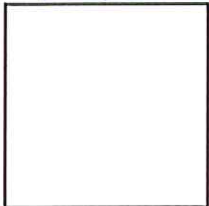
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From: Wilf Taekema [<mailto:wilf.taekema@portalberni.ca>]

Sent: February 17, 2016 1:29 PM

To: Phil Atkinson

Cc: 'Cam Mckinnon'

Subject: RE: KUU-US wanting bus stop relocated

Hi Phil; I have discussed your concerns with Elia at Kuu-us. In answer to your query about the gate access off of Adelaide, she says they do not use this as an access point for drop offs due to the need to go through items first which they do at their main entrance. She has suggested perhaps moving the bus stop back one block to in front of the Adelaide shopping center, as it sounds like many passengers go the mall or cross Johnston to Buy-Low. How would that work for you?

Thanks....Wilf

From: Phil Atkinson [<mailto:phil@patransit.pwt.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 7:38 PM

To: Wilf Taekema

Cc: 'Cam Mckinnon'

Subject: RE: KUU-US wanting bus stop relocated

Hi Wilf,

Regarding this request from Elia Nicholson-Nave, the KUU-US office at 4589 Adelaide, which Cam forwarded to me and which we also have discussed. This bus stop has been at this location for many years and it is a bus stop that is well used. But in view of the request to move it I would like to make the following comments. First, I appreciate the fact that the "bus stop" does take away the option of parking on Johnson directly in front of their office. However, after spending time today observing this stop and in discussing the problem with Cam, we feel strongly that it would not be wise to

move the "bus stop" to the other end of the block towards the Dental office. Even if we did move the "bus stop" and replaced it with parking spots, there is no guarantee that the folks at the KUU-US office would be able to use them anyway. Although I think I can safely say that there are normally a number of unused parking spots available between Helen St and Adelaide. Today for example along that block of Johnson there was only one vehicle parked, and that was at the Dental Office.

Our primary reason is of course, Safety. As you know the intersection of Helen and Johnson is a very busy intersection and it is never wise to have a "bus stop" just before any intersection. I will admit that there are times when it does happen but if we can avoid it we certainly do. The main reason being is Safety, as the bus becomes a billboard and East bound traffic either continuing up Johnson or those turning right unto Helen St. will not see our passengers leaving the bus and perhaps they have even started to walk across the crosswalk towards Tim Horton's on Helen St or perhaps even trying to cross Johnson. This is a recipe for a disaster which we would love to avoid.

Our present stop is also very centrally located. Many of our passengers walk back to the Adelaide Shopping Center, others to the crosswalk behind the bus to cross Johnson to go to Buy Low and yes, some go towards Helen Street and Tim Horton's.

I also noticed that there is a large gate from this site leading onto Adelaide. I'm puzzled why this is not used by people dropping off boxes etc. Just curious.

Wilf, if you like, I would be happy to meet with you to look at this bus stop and I know Cam would also make himself available to answer any question you may have. But let me express once again that we do not feel that it would be safe or wise to move that particular bus stop.

Regards,

Phil

PHIL ATKINSON

Manager

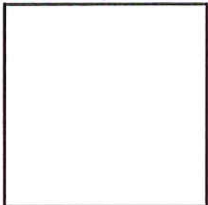
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From: cameron mckinnon [<mailto:dcn.49@hotmail.com>]

Sent: February 16, 2016 5:52 AM

To: Phil Atkinson

Subject: Fw: KUU-US wanting bus stop relocated

From: cameron mckinnon <dcm.49@hotmail.com>
Sent: February 16, 2016 5:11 AM
To: Wilf Taekema
Subject: Re: KUU-US wanting bus stop relocated

Good morning Wilf:
I have brought this matter to Phi's attention.
I am sure he will deal with this promptly.
Regards
Cam McKinnon

From: Wilf Taekema <wilf.taekema@portalberni.ca>
Sent: February 15, 2016 4:29 PM
To: 'cameron mckinnon'
Subject: FW: KUU-US wanting bus stop relocated

Hi Cameron; can you look at the email below and provide comments re moving the bus stop on Johnston Road at Adelaide.

Thanks,

Wilf Taekema
Streets Superintendent
City of Port Alberni
Bus: 250-720-2845
Cell: 250-206-0047
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wilf.taekema@portalberni.ca

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 4:08 PM
To: 'ELIA NICHOLSON-NAVE'
Cc: Wilf Taekema
Subject: RE: KUU-US wanting bus stop relocated

Hello Elia,

Our Streets Superintendent, Wilf Taekema will follow this request up with you.

Regards,
Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
City of Port Alberni
250 720-2838

From: ELIA NICHOLSON-NAVE [<mailto:kuu-usexecutivedirector@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 3:20 PM

To: Guy Cicon

Subject: re: KUU-US wanting bus stop relocated

Our program location is offered at 4589 Adelaide (corner of Johnston road and Adelaide). We share the same side of the street with Marlon Peters (dentist office) but their customers enter and park on Helen street in their own parking lot. The parking spots on Johnson road alongside the dentists office are not used and this would be a perfect location to move the existing bus stop that currently takes up the space in front of our office entry. Having the bus stop where it is currently restricts access to our client base and for those wanting to bring donation items to our office. It becomes problematic having to carry heavy items (boxes of clothes etc) and an inconvenience for donators when they have to park away from the office especially if the weather is raining. It has always been a long standing issue for parking (for clients accessing our services and from the public trying to drop off donations) because in front of our access point there is a redline on the sidewalk used for a bus stop route. I have wanted to go to the city for sometime now to just get the bus stop route moved up a bit adjacent to the dentist office so that we can use these "old bus stop spots) for parking spots for our business. It has become even more of an issue now with Subway opening up on Adelaide where at their busy times, what would be our customers parking spots along our property line on Adelaide is taken up by their customers. It would make much more common sense to have sidewalk readline (identifying a bus zone) be moved up. To me its an easy solution to a request but I am sure that there is always a process for these things. I can be reached at 250-723-2323 (229).

thank you for your time,

Elia Nicholson-Nave

Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2016 1:54 PM
To: Veronica Irg
Subject: ATC Topic - Deer crossing at 4026 Johnston Road requested. Thanks Guy

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Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 3:22 PM
To: 'Jessie Mckay'
Cc: Wilf Taekema; Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: Speed bumps for safety

Thanks Jessie, we will discuss at ATC....

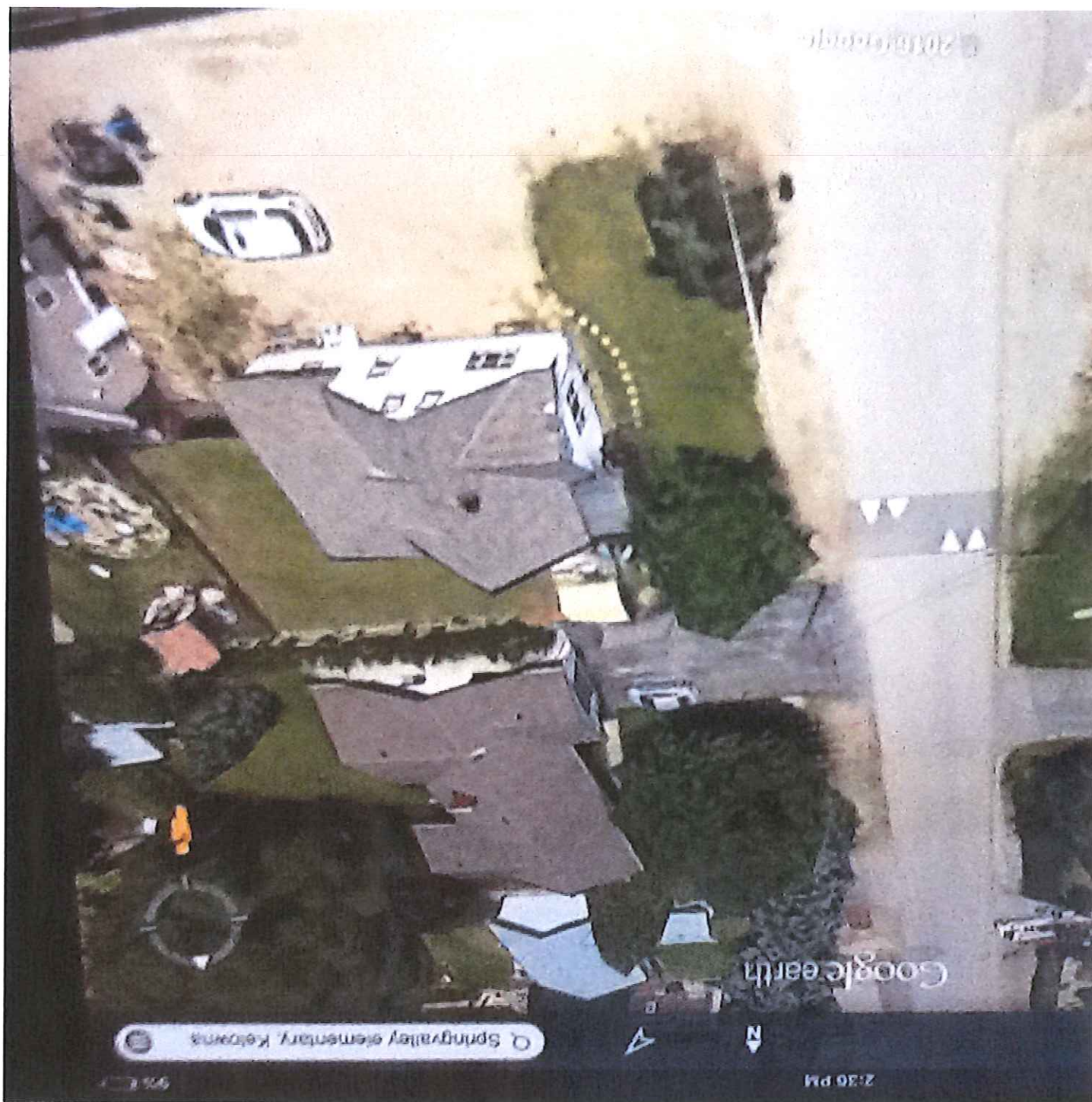
Regards,
\Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
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From: Jessie Mckay [<mailto:djpkmmckay@icloud.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 2:37 PM
To: Guy Cicon
Subject: Re: Speed bumps for safety

Good afternoon Guy,

The streets in Kelowna with these speed bumps that I mentioned are located on Ziprick Rd , out front of Springvalley Elementary and Springvalley middle school, as well as Taylor Rd which is a residential street near these schools. There are also as speed bumps on other streets near the schools in the Rutland neighbourhood of Kelowna. When visiting my family last summer we noticed these in place nearly everywhere. They were not the same type of speed bump that you will see in a parking lot, they are not as high up and a little wider. I used a search on google maps and have attached a photo.



- > On Mar 2, 2016, at 9:22 AM, Guy Cicon <guy_cicon@portalberni.ca> wrote:
- >
- > Hi Jessie,
- >
- > We will forward your request to the ATC.
- > Can you please give us names of schools or addresses or locations of the speed bumps you are referring to.
- >
- > Thanks
- > Guy
- >
- > Veronica - Thanks for adding to ATC
- >

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> Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
> City Engineer
> City of Port Alberni
> 250 720-2838
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ron Paulson
> Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 5:08 PM
> To: Guy Cicon
> Subject: FW: Speed bumps for safety
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> Could we add this to correspondence for the next Traffic Committee Meeting.
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> I did respond that I would forward this on to the committee. Not sure if you want to respond further.
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> Thanks.
>
> Cheers,
> Ron Paulson
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> From: Jessie McKay [djpkmcay@icloud.com]
> Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 1:49 PM
> To: Ron Paulson
> Subject: Speed bumps for safety
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> Dear Mr. Paulson,
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> Since you are on the traffic committee for our town I am writing to you because of my concern with speeding drivers through our school zones, Wood Elementary in particular. Most drivers are very cautious and conscientious when driving through school zones, however there have been more and more safety concerns reported among parents and children using the crosswalk on Wallace St. Since Wood School has stayed open in our neighbourhood more and more families have moved nearby and so more children are walking to school. Some drivers are still not slowing down to the 30kmh, so much so that a police car is often parked as a reminder. I truly worry that a child will be seriously injured.
>
> I have a request for a solution. I was recently in my home town, Kelowna, and noticed that they have speed bumps in every school zone, and some neighbourhoods too. I think this would be a very smart investment for our city to make as well. Wallace street is a highly trafficked area with vehicles and pedestrians making their way to Echo centre, sports fields, and the schools nearby.
>
> Please let me know your thoughts and whether or not this has been discussed before.
>
> Thank you,
> Jessie McKay
> 3895 Maitland St
> Port Alberni

Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 2:13 PM
To: 'Anne Ostwald'; Pat Deakin
Cc: Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: SS11 project
Attachments: Sidewalk to email.docx

Hello Anne,

We will add this to the ATC agenda if you like.

It may not be necessary because it is a reasonable project that all would support. If it is for the experience of presenting, it would be a good exercise.

If it is for getting funding it is the wrong avenue. City Council will need to approve funds.

They may also want to present it to the City Engineer to help with some details of their design. They can arrange a meeting with me😊

Regards,
Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
City of Port Alberni
250 720-2838

From: Anne Ostwald [<mailto:aostwald@sd70.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 11:21 AM
To: Guy Cicon; Pat Deakin
Subject: SS11 project

Dear Mr. Cicon and Mr. Deakin,

On the document attached is a request from our Social Studies 11 Class. Our project group, "*Clean Shoes for a Clean Track*," consists of five member: Brad Weber, Ryan Hines, Sean Paul, Tyler Suits, and Simon Offerein; followed by the leadership of our teacher, Anne Ostwald.

We're looking forward to your response.

Ryan and Brad
warm regards,
~anneO.

Hello, we are a Social Studies 11 class attending Alberni District Secondary School. We would like to propose the idea of fixing a path that has become a hazard to students and others in the community. The path is commonly walked on for students before, during and after school as a way to Bob Daily Stadium, a way home and a way to our vehicles. There is a no parking sign along the fence but yet cars still park beside the path making students walk through the mud or on the road being in danger from cars. Many students have slipped on this path and not only covering them in mud, ruining their day but it also physically hurts them. Fixing this path would be beneficial to the students, staff members, track users and Parks and Recreational activities that take place there.

On another note, we noticed there was an Advisory Traffic Committee meeting (open to the public) being held on April 20th. Would it be possible for us to attend the meeting? If so, would be able to provide additional information on the location of this event.

Thank you very much for your time,
Ryan Hines, Brad Weber, Tyler Suits,
Sean Paul, Simon Offerein,
Anne Ostwald's Socials Studies 11 class.



Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 5:06 PM
To: Veronica Irg; 'juliapayne1983@gmail.com'
Cc: Davina Hartwell; Wilf Taekema
Subject: RE: Crosswalk request

Hi Julia,

We will put your request through to our Advisory Traffic Committee and get back to you.

Regards,
Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
City of Port Alberni
250 720-2838

From: Davina Hartwell
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 4:11 PM
To: Guy Cicon; Wilf Taekema
Subject: FW: Crosswalk request

From: Julia Payne [<mailto:juliapayne1983@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 3:30 PM
To: Davina Hartwell
Subject: Crosswalk request

Hi,

I am writing in request of having a crosswalk installed on River Road by Riverbend Park. There are many families in the Westporte Place and Golden Street area that bring our children to use this park. However, crossing River Road becomes increasingly more difficult and dangerous as we enter into the tourist season.

Thank you for your consideration into this matter. Any response would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Julia Payne

Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 12:22 PM
To: 'norma_53@telus.net'
Cc: Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: Beaver Creek Home Center Unloading Practices

Hi Claus,

Thank you for your concern and observations around this matter. We will address it at the next ATC.

Regards,
Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
City of Port Alberni
250 720-2838

From: norma_53@telus.net [mailto:norma_53@telus.net]
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 11:41 AM
To: Guy Cicon
Subject: Beaver Creek Home Center Unloading Practices



I was advised to email you a summary of my complaint so that it may be brought up at your next traffic advisory meeting.

The issue involves Beaver Home Center unloading their delivery trucks on Gertrude street right in front of their building thereby blocking one whole , and only lane, north bound. Today while travelling north bound on Gertrude I again had to stop while a forklift was unloading a semi. I could see the traffic behind me backing up into the intersection at Johnson and Gertrude. This same situation occurred last week to my wife while she was driving along Gertrude. I know this practice by Beaver Home Center has been going on for years, but now with the increased traffic flow at this intersection I believe it is no longer acceptable..... If not unsafe. Beaver Home Center does have options for unloading. They can unload in there yard on either side of Gertrude or unload in their yard next to Jowsey's and ferry goods over to their main store during light traffic times, early morning or later in the evening. I do hope this matter while be discussed and resolved.

Regards,
Claus Bergmann



Veronica Irg

From: Pat Dahlquist <wdahlqui@shaw.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 11:59 AM
To: Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: AGENDA FOR Advisory Traffic Committee Meeting Wed., Apr 20, 2016 at 10:00 am

I will be there, a late item, concerns from Wood school we the skate park - Pat

From: Veronica Irg [mailto:veronica_irg@portalberni.ca]
Sent: April-18-16 2:32 PM
To: Bill Brown (billtbrown@shaw.ca) <billtbrown@shaw.ca>; Cam McKinnon (dcm.49@hotmail.com) <dcm.49@hotmail.com>; Caroline Robinson (Caroline.Robinson@icbc.com) <Caroline.Robinson@icbc.com>; Cpl. Mike Elston (mike.elston@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) <mike.elston@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; David Wiwchar (dwiwchar@islandradio.bc.ca) <dwiwchar@islandradio.bc.ca>; Davina Hartwell <davina_hartwell@portalberni.ca>; Denis Sauve <denis_sauve@portalberni.ca>; Eric Plumber (news@avtimes.net) <news@avtimes.net>; Guy Cicon <guy_cicon@portalberni.ca>; Ken Watson <ken_watson@portalberni.ca>; Kevin Head (kevin.head@gmail.com) <kevin.head@gmail.com>; Pat Dahlquist (wdahlqui@shaw.ca) <wdahlqui@shaw.ca>; Peggy Gibbs (margaret.gibbs@icbc.com) <margaret.gibbs@icbc.com>; Phil Atkinson (phil@patransit.pwt.ca) <phil@patransit.pwt.ca>; Ron Paulson <ron_paulson@portalberni.ca>; Scott Smith <scott_smith@portalberni.ca>; Sgt. Darrin Ramey (darrin.ramey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) <darrin.ramey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Sgt. Dave Boyce - RCMP (DAVE.BOYCE@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) <DAVE.BOYCE@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Tim Hautzinger <tim_hautzinger@portalberni.ca>; Wilf Taekema <wilf_taekema@portalberni.ca>
Subject: AGENDA FOR Advisory Traffic Committee Meeting Wed., Apr 20, 2016 at 10:00 am

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Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 8:20 AM
To: Veronica Irg
Subject: FW: Johnson & Adelaide Bus Stop
Attachments: PTA bus stop relocation.pdf

For ATC

Thanks
Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
City of Port Alberni
250 720-2838

From: Moore, Myrna [mailto:Myrna_Moore@BCTransit.Com]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 4:35 PM
To: Guy Cicon; Wilf Taekema; Cathy Rothwell
Cc: 'Phil Atkinson'; 'cameron mckinnon'; Lockley, Maria
Subject: FW: Johnson & Adelaide Bus Stop

Hello all,

It has come to my attention that the query regarding the Johnson & Adelaide Transit Stop in front of the KUU-US office at 4589 Adelaide has been placed on the Agenda for discussion at the upcoming Advisory Traffic Committee meeting to be held at City Hall on Wednesday, April 20/16 at 10:00 a.m.

Attached to this email is a Memo report authored by Johann VanSchaik and sent previously on March 23/16 which reviews the previous email documentation as well as provides an assessment of alternative options for the transit stop location. Based on the review and analysis, the report recommends that the existing bus stop is in the safest and optimum location for customers in the vicinity and that the stop not be relocated.

It would be greatly appreciated if the attached report could be distributed and available to meeting attendees for discussion under Agenda Item D. New Business.

Thank you,

Myrna Moore
Senior Regional Transit Manager,
Vancouver Island Coastal
BC Transit
Phone: (250) 995-5612
Myrna_Moore@bctransit.com



From: VanSchaik, Johann
Sent: March-23-16 1:54 PM

To: Guy Cicon; 'Wilf Taekema'
Cc: 'cameron mckinnon'; Moore, Myrna; 'Phil Atkinson'; Lockley, Maria
Subject: RE: Johnson & Adelaide Bus Stop

Good afternoon

We have reviewed the documentation relating to this request as well as assessed alternative options in this vicinity, and noted our findings in the attached short report.
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards

Johann van Schaik
Senior Regional Transit Manager
South Coast Region
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From: Phil Atkinson [<mailto:phil@patransit.pwt.ca>]
Sent: March-14-16 10:19 AM
To: Guy Cicon; 'Wilf Taekema'; VanSchaik, Johann; Moore, Myrna
Cc: 'cameron mckinnon'
Subject: Johnson & Adelaide Bus Stop

Hi All,

Regarding the proposal to have the bus stop at Johnson and Adelaide moved I have attached a summary of concerns that we at Port Alberni Transit have. Again, as we have told Wilf, we are not trying to be hard to get along with but we believe that moving this bus stop will cause more problems than solutions. Being this is a heavy traffic area I am sure that BC Transit (I am certainly not speaking on their behalf) will also have concerns and will want to review this before any relocation takes place.

Regards,

Phil

PHIL ATKINSON
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MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Port Alberni
FROM: BC Transit
SUBJECT: Bus Stop Relocation Request (Johnson Street, between Adelaide and Helen)
DATE: March 22, 2016

Background

We have reviewed the correspondence and responses associated to the request to relocate the existing bus stop at Johnson and Adelaide Street, and undertook an assessment of this stop as well as potential alternative locations in this area.

General Observations

Based on feedback from drivers, the existing bus stop serves the Alberni Elementary School, surrounding residential area as well as various businesses in the Johnson street corridor in this vicinity. As such, it is very well used and is considered as one of the primary stops in this transit system. It is therefore recommended that a transit stop on this area is retained.

From correspondence it appears that the request to move the existing stop is based on establishing a parking spot directly in front of the Crisis Center on Johnson Street for the purpose of dropping off donations during office hours. It should be noted that this center is in operation only on weekdays between 10am to 2pm in comparison to transit service that operates 7 days a week along this corridor.

Furthermore, there are currently multiple parking options available in close proximity to this center - both along Johnson and Adelaide streets (see Appendix).

Bus Stop Location Options

There are 3 options for relocating the current bus stop in this area:

Option 1: 1 Relocating the stop within the current block (between Adelaide and Helen)

An alternative location within the block is not recommended as it would move the stop either to the mid-block or nearside of the Helen intersection. This will increase vehicular conflicts, obstruction to through traffic and reduce sight distances. The BC Transit guidelines for bus stop locations recommend the farside

of intersections on a travelled route as the optimum and safest location for bus stops in order to maximize sight distances for all road users and minimizing delays resulting from traffic obstructions.

It should also be noted, that there is a pedestrian controlled signal at Helen intersection to provide safe access for transit users to the southern side of Johnson Street.

Option 2: Relocating to Johnson Street – eastbound of Helen Street

This location is not considered feasible due to the access point to Tim Horton's and subsequent no-parking designation along this stretch of road east of the Helen street intersection to limit weaving maneuvers and vehicle conflicts.

Option 3: Relocating the stop to west of Adelaide Road (in front of the Adelaide Centre)

This location would remove the bus stop further away from the Helen street crosswalk and introduces an additional intersection for transit users to cross.

Recommendation

Based on the above, BC Transit conclude that that the existing bus stop is located in the safest and optimum location for customers in this area and recommend that this stop is not relocated.

Appendix: Locality Map

