
AGENDA

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

April 21, 2021 at 10:00 am
Zoom Webinar Format

*****Members of the public who wish to partake in the Advisory Traffic Committee meeting as a webinar participant, must register in advance. The registration link is***

https://portalberni.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mRz_73fMTlqUcc51eaRVpg.

Members of the public may also provide input by submitting written comments and questions by email to rob_dickinson@portalberni.ca, mail, or drop off at City Hall by 5:00 pm on the day prior to the scheduled meeting day. Please include your name and address for identification purposes.

The following pages list all agenda items received by the deadline [12:00 noon on the Wednesday, one week prior to the scheduled meeting]. For a complete copy of the agenda please refer to the City's website www.portalberni.ca or contact the Director of Engineering and Public Works at 250.720.2838 or by email rob_dickinson@portalberni.ca or the Development Services Clerk at 250.720.2830 or by email veronica_irg@portalberni.ca.

PRESENT: _____

A. **DELEGATIONS**

Delegation by Aaron Brevick to discuss crosswalk safety - D. New Business #3.

B. **REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES**

C. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Larry Ransom brought forward an email from Laurie Morphet at Alberni Elementary School on January 7, 2019 regarding traffic flow concerns at the school. Director of Engineering and Public Works will update.**

2. **Road improvements at the lower Johnston corridor and River Road. Director of Engineering and Public Works will update.**

3. **Email on January 23, 2020 from Alicia Ashley regarding safety concerns with neighbourhood children trying to get to school at E.J. Dunn. There are no crosswalks near the school on Argyle Street allowing children to get across from Argyle Way. Director Engineering and Public Works will update.**

D NEW BUSINESS

1. **February 11, 2021 email request from Larry Ransom to discuss the pedestrian fatality on February 10, 2021 on Johnston Road at Tebo Avenue as well as other problem crosswalks in Port Alberni.**

2. **March 11, 2021 email request from Chris Alemany to install stop signs in the north/south direction of 6th Avenue at Morton Street, creating a 4-way stop intersection.**

3. **Request from Aaron Brevick to discuss crosswalk safety in Port Alberni.**

DISCUSSION

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING DATES:

October 20, 2021

DISTRIBUTION

Councillor Ron Paulson
Tim Pley – CAO
Twyla Slonski – Director of Corporate Services
Rob Dickinson, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Streets Superintendent
Scott Smith, Director of Development Services/Deputy CAO
Vacant - Manager of Community Safety
Willa Thorpe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage
Sgt. Peter Dionne – RCMP., email agenda to Peter.DIONNE@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Wes Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief - Fire Department
Larry Ransom, Trustee, SD 70, email agenda to lransom@sd70b.c.ca
Caroline Robinson, Road Safety Coordinator, ICBC, email agenda to Caroline.Robinson@icbc.com
Peggy Gibbs, ICBC, email agenda to margaret.gibbs@icbc.com
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David Wiwchar, The Peak, email agenda to david.wiwchar@jpbq.ca
Kathy Deschamps, Diversified Transportation Ltd., email agenda to kathyd@patransit.pwt.ca
Vacant - Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services
Bill Brown – cyclist, email agenda to billbrown@shaw.ca

Veronica Irg

From: Larry Ransom <lransom@sd70.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Veronica Irg
Cc: Ron Paulson; DAVE CUSSON
Subject: Pedestrian struck and killed in crosswalk on busy Port Alberni street – Vancouver Island Free Daily

Hello Veronica,

Could this tragic crosswalk incident be brought forward as an agenda item at the next scheduled Advisory Traffic Committee Mtg.

Would it be possible to also provide a list of all locations of problem crosswalks in Port Alberni with a recent history in the past 24 mos. of vehicle and pedestrian or cyclist involved incidents for the meeting agenda?

Larry Ransom

<https://www.vancouverislandfreedaily.com/news/pedestrian-struck-and-killed-in-crosswalk-on-busy-port-alberni-street/>

Sent from my iPhone

Pedestrian struck and killed in crosswalk on busy Port Alberni street

Highway went down to one lane for several hours

ALBERNI NEWS STAFF / Feb. 10, 2021 5:00 p.m. / LOCAL NEWS / NEWS

An 80-year-old man from Port Alberni has died after he was struck in a crosswalk on Johnston Road.

Just after noon on Feb. 10, 2021, Port Alberni RCMP were called to a single-vehicle collision involving a pedestrian at the intersection of Johnston Road and Tebo Avenue.

Several witnesses to the collision remained on scene. All of the witnesses advised RCMP that the pedestrian was in the process of crossing Johnston Road in the crosswalk when he was struck by a GMC pickup truck making a left-hand turn from Tebo Avenue.

The pedestrian suffered serious injuries and was transported by BC Ambulance to the hospital for emergency treatment, but later succumbed to his injuries, according to RCMP. The BC Coroners Service has been advised.

The four-lane highway went down to one lane for a few hours as RCMP and a traffic analyst from the Integrated Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Service (ICARS) remained on scene.

The driver and sole occupant of the pickup remained on scene and was cooperative with police, said Cpl. Chris Manseau, BC RCMP media relations officer.

The cause of the collision is still under investigation and no charges have been laid. Investigators are asking motorists and pedestrians who witnessed or may have video leading up to the crash to contact the Port Alberni RCMP at 250-723-2424.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH	RCMP
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Veronica Irg

From: Rob Dickinson
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 4:03 PM
To: 'Chris Alemany'
Cc: Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: 4-Way Stop at 6th and Morton

Thank you for your correspondence Mr. Alemany. I will include this in the next ATC meeting in April.

Sincerely,



Rob Dickinson

Director of Engineering & Public Works

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From: Chris Alemany <chrisale@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:06 AM
To: Rob Dickinson <rob_dickinson@portalberni.ca>
Subject: 4-Way Stop at 6th and Morton

Dear Mr. Dickinson,

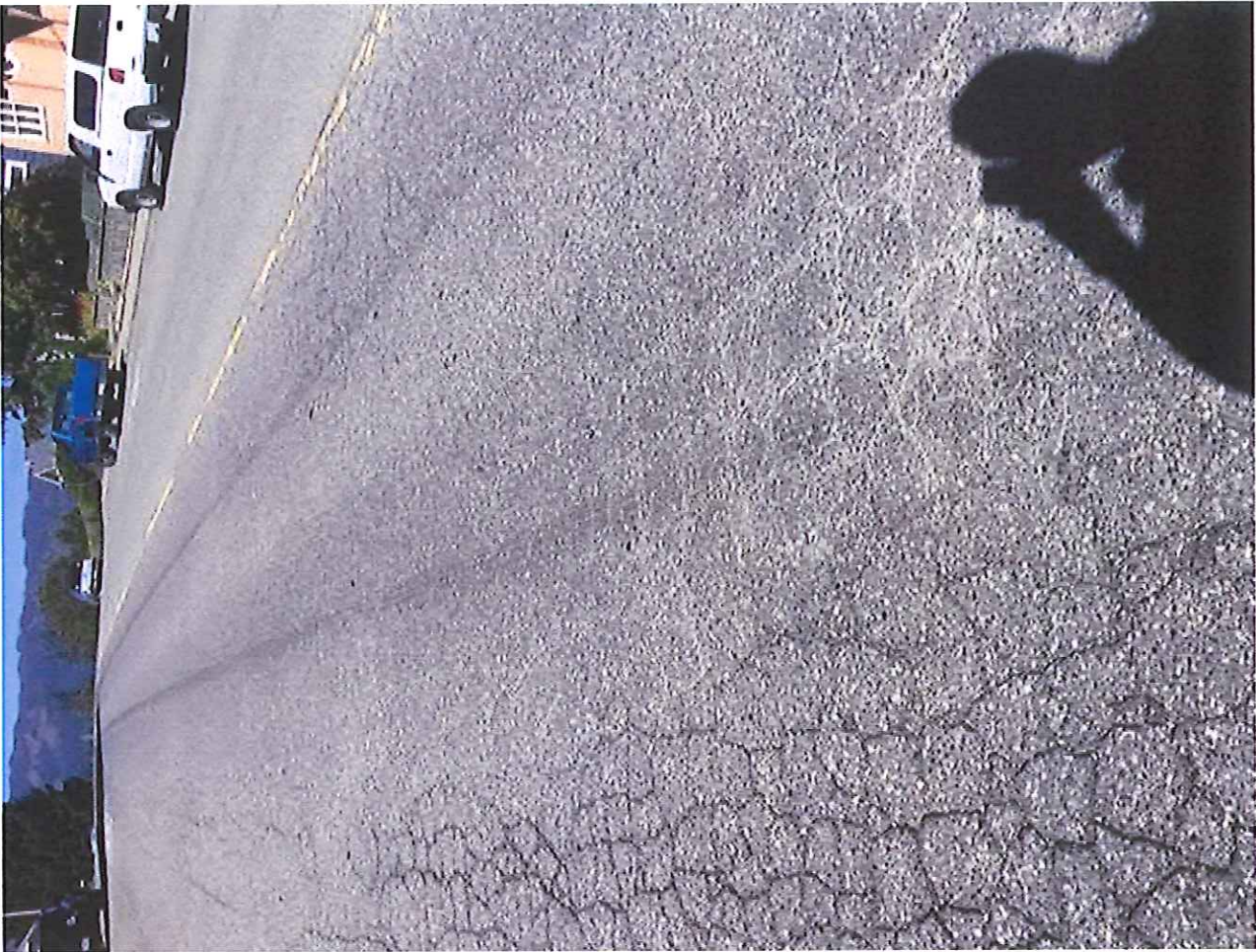
First I want to congratulate you and welcome you to the City of Port Alberni! I know you are only recently in the position and wish you well in your endeavours. I hope you can bring this request forward to the Advisory Traffic Commission.

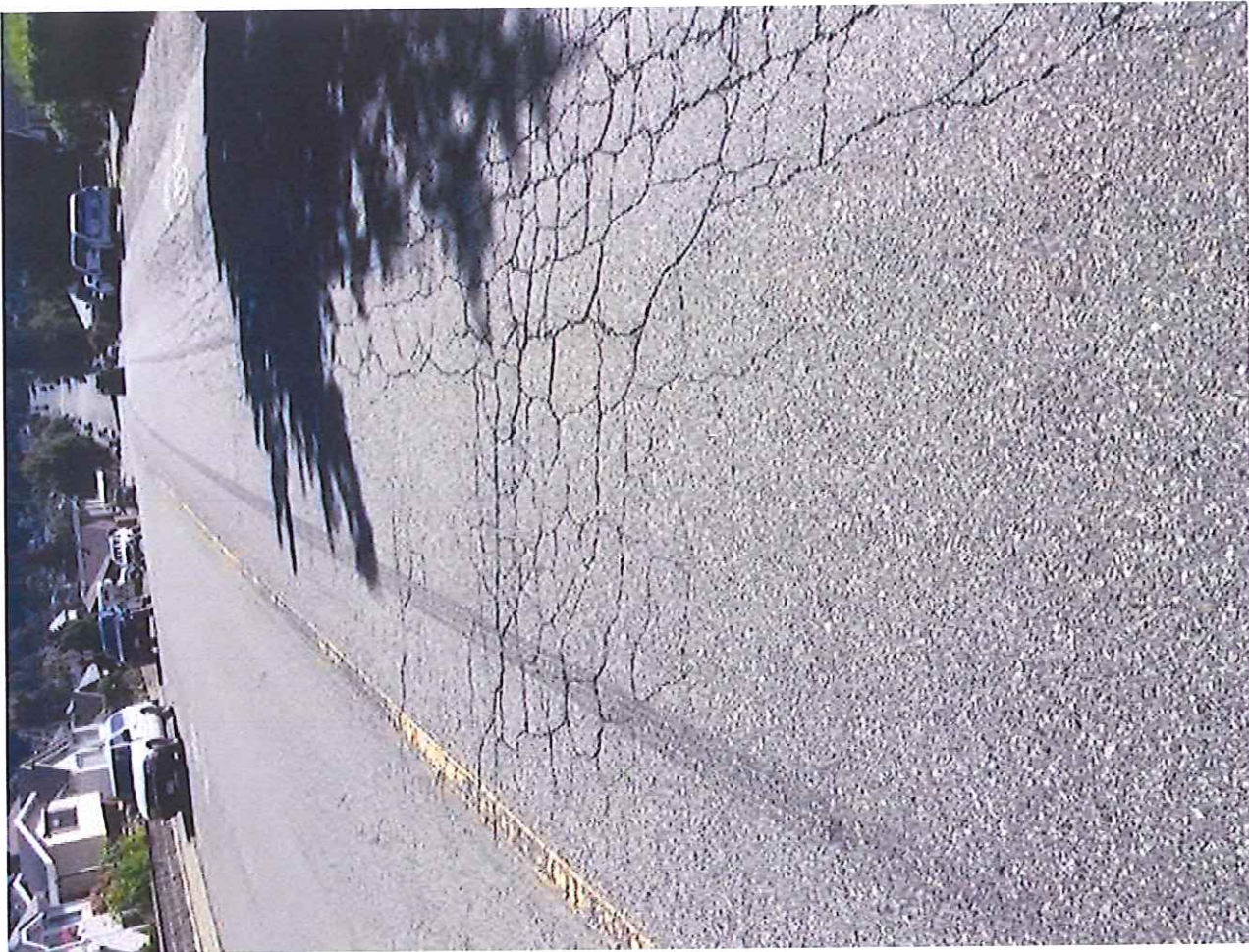
I am writing to request that the City install stop signs in the north/south direction of 6th Avenue at Morton. ie. Create a 4-way stop intersection at 6th and Morton. Our family has lived on 6th Avenue since July 2005. In that time we along with our neighbours have grown accustomed to vehicles of all shapes and sizes moving very rapidly on our stretch of road. There have been many close calls including when cars, small trucks, and large rigs with and without loaded trailers go so fast that they have difficulty stopping at the bottom of the hill at 6th and Redford. Chattering brakes and wheels are a common occurrence and in the winter time the danger is magnified.

The main problem is the blind hill. Traffic going both north and south on 6th Ave cannot see oncoming traffic or if there is a stopped or slowed car, pedestrian, or cyclist, ahead. This has led to many instances of "near misses" as other cars are moving down the hill or are entering the roadway from the many residences and alleyways between Morton and Redford. I witnessed one event in particular that involved City vehicles on September 8, 2020 which was the 'last straw' and has prompted this request.

The City garbage truck was still on our street retrieving from the next residences south of us when a second City vehicle came up behind the Garbage Truck. The 2nd City vehicle slowed to allow the Garbage Truck to continue forward. Then a 3rd vehicle, a private car with a driver and passenger, came at a very high rate of speed over the hill. The private car slammed on its brakes, the wheels locked, and the car skidded at least 20 metres, coming to a stop just behind the second City vehicle and Garbage truck. They all continued on. However, with my experience in the Workplace Health and Safety field, this is a classic "near miss" and could have resulted in a serious collision involving members of the public as well as City workers and equipment.

I have included pictures of the skid marks left by the private car.





As is evident by the marks, the driver of the car did not see how slowly the City vehicle was going until it reached the crest of the hill, at which point they slammed on the brakes. This is an excellent example of how common it is that cars move at very high speeds, well above the marked speed limit, on 6th Avenue putting themselves and others in danger.

I would also like to emphasize that the danger is not limited to southbound traffic. It is also very common that vehicles, including cars and heavy trucks, power very strongly up the hill northbound from Redford. This puts any pedestrians, or vehicles at the intersection at Morton at risk as it is not possible to hear or see vehicles coming until they near the crest of the hill.

Finally, it is difficult for drivers to see pedestrians if they are approaching the crosswalk at 6th and Redford from the northwest corner. This has led to close calls when cars approach the southbound stop sign on 6th Ave very quickly and a pedestrian is about to cross.

There was a time when many services were located on 6th avenue including the RCMP, BC Hydro, a much busier BCTel/Telus, and the City Works yard. While some of those users have gone, the majority remain and some, like the Berks inter truck, are busier than ever. The road is frequented by both BC Ambulance and RCMP, in fact, when we first moved in and the RCMP detachment was on 6th Avenue we witnessed RCMP vehicles "get air" as they crested the hill under full lights and siren. Quite a sight.

Today, the traffic has changed, but it has not diminished nor has the speed. There is also noticeably more pedestrian and cycling traffic than there was in the past. We need to limit the speed of vehicles and increase the safety for all. I believe a 4-way stop at Morton and 6th would help achieve that. Even 10th Avenue, a primary street with no inclines before Redford, is interrupted by the lights at Wallace.

Please install 4-way stop signs at 6th Ave and Morton.

Thank you very much,
Chris Alemany

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"You can't promote principled anti-corruption action without pissing off corrupt people."

Deputy Assistant US Secretary of State George Kent

Veronica Irg

From: Twyla Slonski
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 11:25 AM
To: Veronica Irg
Cc: Rob Dickinson
Subject: FW: Traffic committee meeting

Hi Veronica [and Rob]

Fyi - Please note that Aaron would like to participate at the next ATC ...

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From: Aaron Brevick <jiujitsueducation@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 2:47 PM
To: Twyla Slonski <Twyla_Slonski@portalberni.ca>
Subject: RE: Traffic committee meeting

Thank you, if I could please be on the list to attend via zoom would be great

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Mon, 22 Mar 2021 at 7:52 AM, Twyla Slonski
<Twyla_Slonski@portalberni.ca> wrote:

Good morning Aaron,

The next scheduled meeting for the Traffic Advisory Group is April 21st ...

Have a great day.

Twyla



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