City of Port Alberni

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from the Meeting held Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 10:00 am

PRESENT: Scott Smith, Director of Development Services - Chair, Kamruz Zaman, City Engineer, Wilf Taekema, Manager of Operations, Ron Paulson (City Councillor), Cameron McKinnon (Diversified Transportation), Pam Craig (SD#70), Caroline Robinson (ICBC), Peggy Gibbs (ICBC), Sgt. Darrin Ramey (Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services)

REGRETS: Wes Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief (PAFD), Pat Dahlquist (SD#70), Phil Atkinson (Diversified Transportation), Cpl. Mike Elston (Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services), Sgt. Dave Boyce (RCMP)

DELEGATIONS — **Action By**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Request by Julia Payne for a crosswalk on River Road by Riverbend Park.** The Ministry of Transportation is to investigate a pedestrian-activated crosswalk at the Park. The Ministry will review, examine and report whether they're prepared to support a crosswalk at the Park or another location. The City will follow up with Mike Pearson from the Ministry to get an update as there has been no response from them yet. — WT

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Letter from Frank Holm via Councillor Paulson, regarding a concern about the improper use of lower Dunbar Street on the west side of the 3rd Avenue intersection.** The Committee discussed visitors to this area get very confused. The City will install signs indicating "No Thru Road" and/or "Right Turn Only" in advance of 2nd Avenue on Dunbar Street eastbound to help give direction to travellers who end up at 3rd Avenue, either by being directed by Google Maps or equivalent, or because they see no other route back to 3rd Avenue. — WT

2. **Letter from Natalie VanViegen regarding safety concerns at intersection of Anderson Avenue and Montrose Street.** ICBC crash data from 2011-2015 shows 2 claims at this intersection – one injury and one property damage only. A stop sign at Anderson Avenue would be contrary to best engineering practices. The City will paint stop bars on Montrose Street legs and assess site triangles for vehicles trying to enter onto, or cross, Anderson Avenue and clear as required. — WT

3. **Letter from Dusty Miller regarding excessive and dangerous speed on Beaver Creek Road between Pierce Road and Gill School and lack of traffic lights at intersection of Beaver Creek Road and Highway 4.** The RCMP have increased speed patrols of this area and Speedwatch has had a presence here as well. ICBC crash data from 2011-2015 shows one claim at this intersection. The Committee discussed that this is an ongoing issue with a variety of stakeholders including the Ministry of Transportation and Hupacasath First Nations. WT

4. **Emails from Dennis Travanut and John vanGalen regarding increase in traffic and speeding issues on Margaret Street, specifically the Blair Park 30 km/h zone.** ICBC reported that there are no crash data claims reported between 2011-2015. The Committee discussed better placement of the playground sign on Margaret Street and adding a playground sign on Lathom. The City will install a playground sign on Lathom Road westbound in advance of Margaret Street. WT

5. **Email from Gail Horvath requesting pedestrian-activated lights at the intersection of Gertrude Street and Southgate Road.** ICBC crash data claims for 2011-2015 are seven crashes – 2 pedestrian/vehicle and 5 rear-enders. The Committee was concerned with putting too many lights too close to each other as there is another crossing option one block over at Johnston Road and Gertrude Street. The Committee also discussed installing a median/area of refuge for pedestrians, signage and traffic calming. They also discussed curb extensions including yellow painted curbs and signage. Diversified Transporation will contact BC Transit regarding relocating bus stops on Gertrude Street. (ICBC notes are attached.) WT/SS

   The Advisory Traffic Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to investigate improvements to this intersection.
   MOVED by Pam Craig, SECONDED by Darren Ramey

6. **Letter from Wendy Edwards, Manager, P.A. Non-Profit Housing Association (Cool Waters) requesting a designated handicapped parking space for Cool Waters on Elizabeth Street.** Wilf met with Wendy and the Committee is in favour of putting one designated handicapped parking spot in front of the building entrance on Elizabeth Street next to the wheelchair ramp. The City will also paint additional angle parking stalls across Elizabeth Street from this location. WT

7. **"Letter to the Editor" forwarded by Peggy Gibbs, ICBC, regarding concerns about the intersection of Argyle Street and Anderson Avenue.** ICBC crash data reports indicate 6 crashes from 2011-2015 – 3 injury and 3 property damage only. The Committee discussed "stop ahead" signage, stop bars and narrowing the street. To consider a roundabout or 4-way stop there would have to be physical changes to the street and traffic counts would be necessary. (ICBC notes are attached.) WT/SS

   The Advisory Traffic Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to investigate improvements to this intersection.
   MOVED by Pam Craig, SECONDED by Cam McKinnon

LATE ITEMS

None

NEXT MEETING DATES FOR 2017:
October 18, 2017

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

DISTRIBUTION
Council
Tim Pley –CAO
Davina Hartwell - City Clerk
Kamruz Zaman, City Engineer
Wilf Taekema – Manager of Operations
Scott Smith – Director of Development Services
Tim Hautzinger - Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Theresa Kingston, Director of Community Services
Sgt. Dave Boyce - RCMP
Wes Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief - Fire Department
Pat Dahlquist - Trustee, SD 70, email agenda to wdahlqui@shaw.ca
Caroline Robinson - Road Safety Coordinator, ICBC, email agenda to caroline.robinson@icbc.com
Peggy Gibbs, ICBC, email agenda to margaret.gibbs@icbc.com
David Wiwchar, The Peak, email agenda to dwiwchar@islandradio.bc.ca
Cameron McKinnon - Diversified Transportation Ltd., email agenda to dcm.49@hotmail.com
Phil Atkinson - Diversified Transportation Ltd., email agenda to phil@patransit.pwt.ca
Cpl. Mike Elston, Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services, email agenda to mike.elston@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Sgt. Darrin Ramey, Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services, email agenda to darrin.ramey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Bill Brown – cyclist, email agenda to billtbrown@shaw.ca
Kevin Head – cyclist, email agenda to kevin.head@gmail.com

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August 17, 2017

Wendy Edwards
Manager, P.A. Non-Profit Housing Association (Cool Waters)
#111 – 4777 Southgate Road
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coolwaters@shawbiz.ca

Dear Ms. Edwards,

Re: Request for a designated handicapped parking space at Cool Waters

Thank you for your letter received July 25, 2017 with regards to your request for a designated handicapped parking space in front of Cool Waters.

On Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017 the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns. The City will install one designated handicapped parking stall in front of the building entrance on Elizabeth Street next to the wheelchair ramp. The City will also paint additional angle parking stalls across Elizabeth Street from this location.

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

Yours truly,

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Frank Holm
3034 6th Avenue
Port Alberni BC V9Y 2G9

Dear Mr. Holm,

Re: Suggestion for improvements to signage at lower Dunbar on the west side of 3rd Avenue

Thank you for your letter received May 23, 2017 with regards to your concerns about improper use of lower Dunbar Street on the west side of 3rd Avenue.

On Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017 the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns. The City will install signs indicating "No Thru Road" and/or "Right Turn Only" in advance of 2nd Avenue on Dunbar Street eastbound. This will help give direction to travelers who end up at 3rd Avenue, either by being directed by Google Maps or equivalent, or because they see no other route back to 3rd Avenue.

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Gail Horvath
its_me_gaild@hotmail.com

Dear Mrs. Horvath,

Re: Request for pedestrian-activated lights at the intersection of Gertrude Street and Southgate Road

Thank you for your letter received June 25, 2017 with regards to your suggestion for a pedestrian-activated light at the intersection of Gertrude Street and Southgate Road.

On Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017 the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns.

The Committee is recommending that City Council direct staff to investigate improvements to this intersection.

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Dusty Miller
112 – 5700 Pierce Road
Port Alberni BC V9Y 0A3

Dear Mr. Miller,

Re: Concerns regarding Beaver Creek Road excessive speeding and lack of traffic lights at the intersection of Highway 4 and Beaver Creek Road

Thank you for your letter received June 8, 2017 with regards to your concerns about excessive speeding on Beaver Creek Road and lack of traffic lights at the above intersection.

On Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017 the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns. The Committee discussed an increased presence by the RCMP regarding speed patrols of this area as well as Speedwatch patrols.

The Committee also discussed this intersection is an ongoing issue with a variety of stakeholders including the Ministry of Transportation and Hupacasath First Nations.

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Dennis Travanut
4998 Margaret Street
Port Alberrni BC V9Y 6H9
travanut@shaw.ca

Dear Mr. Travanut,

Re: Concerns regarding increase in traffic and speeding issues on Margaret Street, specifically the Blair Park 30 km/h zone

Thank you for your letter received June 21, 2017 with regards to your concerns about Increase in traffic and speeding issues on Margaret Street, in the Blair Park area.

On Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017 the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns. The Committee discussed better placement of the playground sign on Margaret Street and adding a playground sign on Lathom Road. The City will install a playground sign on Lathom Road westbound in advance of Margaret Street.

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John vanGalen
4970 Margaret Street
Port Alberrni BC V9Y 6H9
joeventurer@gmail.com

Dear Mr. vanGalen,

Re: Concerns regarding increase in traffic and speeding issues on Margaret Street, specifically the Blair Park 30 km/h zone

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Natalie vanViegen
2781 12th Avenue
Port Alberni BC V9Y 2T5

Dear Mrs. van Viegen,

Re: Safety concerns at the intersection of Anderson Avenue and Montrose Street

Thank you for your letter received June 5, 2017 with regards to your concerns about safety issues at the above intersection.

On Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017 the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns. The Committee discussed a stop sign at Anderson Avenue would be contrary to best engineering practices. The City will paint stop bars on Montrose Street legs and assess site triangles for vehicles trying to enter onto, or cross, Anderson Avenue and clear as required.

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