



City of Port Alberni

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from the Meeting held Wednesday, January 15th, 2014 at 10:00 am

PRESENT: Guy Cicon - Chair, Randy Fraser (City of PA), Pat Dahlquist (SD#70), Cameron McKinnon (Diversified Transportation), Phil Atkinson (Diversified Transportation), Sgt. Dave Paddock (RCMP), Rob Cole (ICBC) Jake Van Kooten (Resident)

REGRETS: Caroline Robinson (ICBC)

DELEGATIONS

**Action
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. As per the letter from Lyle Pitts attached to the meeting minutes from October 16th meeting, the Ministry of Transportation is to review in spring regarding the viability of painting a fog line along River Road and Beaver Creek Road to reduce the misconception of being 4 lane roads.
2. A letter was received by Mayor and Council from Warren Lauder, Councillor for Hupacasath First Nation, expressing concern regarding increased traffic on nearby residential streets; especially industrial truck traffic.

GC/RF

Guy Cicon and Randy Fraser met with Warren Lauder and Steve Tatoosh, and a request was made to move the barriers back approximately 3 metres to smooth out the right-turning corner from Beaver Creek onto Compton. Follow up is required with affected resident regarding the encroachment of their property to move the barriers. Guy will follow up with the Hupacasath First Nations.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Email received from Cam Pinkerton about Traffic concerns from SD70 Admin

AES - The intersection at Johnston Road and Helen (AES/Tim Horton's) is dangerous. There has been some communication with Randy Fraser regarding painting over the sections no longer in effect with gray to allow for more parking for AES parents/traffic.

This has already been taken care of by RF – the sections have been painted grey to allow people to park there.

RF

AWN - A suggestion to install culverts in the ditches on the north side of Compton Street at AW Neill. This would make it safer for students walking to and from school, parents looking for parking and general vehicular traffic during peak time of the day.

Guy and Randy are to meet with Ron Benke (Principal of AWN) to discuss the expenses involved and potential solutions. The ditch in front of the school and the roundabout has already been filled and there is a sufficient shoulder. It is expected to cost \$30,000 to meet this request if it is necessary to do so.

GC/RF

Gill - A concern was voiced regarding the amount of road work around Gill school since September 2013. Sewage upgrades within the same timeframe as paving sections of Beaver Creek Rd and Gertrude St have caused traffic nightmares on many school days this school year.

This work was completed in October of 2013

8th - Numerous complaints have been received from parents regarding cars speeding on China Creek Rd and not stopping at the crosswalk for students.

Dave Paddock sent this issue to the traffic department for further investigation for consideration. Setting up speed watch and monitoring the concerns will be pursued.

DP

Maquinna - Requesting a crosswalk on the corner of Melrose & 15th Ave. School uses that crossing for their Fun Run and is also used by many families walking to school. Also a complaint regarding the number of drivers texting while picking up and dropping off.

Pat Dahlquist will ask why this is needed. There is a stop sign there and there is generally a crossing guard present during run for fun. The reason behind this request requires more clarification.

GC

EJD - a parent request for a crosswalk at Argyle & 18th Avenue

This discussion took place last year and it was determined that a crosswalk in this location would have very limited value.

Wood - due to the increased traffic along Wood Ave with the new high school, the occasional presence of a traffic police vehicle would be a good reminder to respect the speed limit in the school zone.

Since this request was put forth, the speed zone has been lowered and more speed monitoring has been done in this area.

2. Observations from Buddy Hamilton at the last "Coffee with the Mayor" event.

Buy-Low parking lot entrance onto Helen St should have parking restricted to the north of the driveway entrance due to lack of visibility.

The yellow line will be extended North on Helen Street from Buy Low

Crosswalk crossing Johnson Rd at Elizabeth St should be relocated from the west side to the east side of the intersection to accommodate pedestrian preference. RF

This was reviewed by Cpl. Mike Elston and he did not see that it was a necessary resolution to the problem. This item is to be carried forward to the next meeting

3. Crash data information from ICBC

This information was reviewed. Committee would like to request the updated stats for 2011 and 2012 as many of the locations (including Roger St at Stamp, Roger St at 10th and Redford St at 3rd) have changed since the generation of these stats. Comments on the following stats:

Cherry Creek road at Johnston Rd (Hwy 4) - Turning left onto Cherry Creek Road there – request for an advance green arrow. This is an intersection operated by the Ministry of Transportation.

The Advisory Traffic Committee is interested in data for the intersection of Johnston and Broughton. We need to request this information from ICBC.

DISCUSSION

Guy Cicon brought forward the following for discussion:

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Neil Street and 3rd Avenue – there is currently a bus stop in front of a resident's house, so she is not able to park in front of her home. It was agreed that the bus stop should be moved back to 4th Avenue in front of the apartment building as this is closer to the patrons that are utilizing the bus.

Grandview Road and Compton – one of our most dangerous roads for pedestrians. There are plans for a walkway on the west side of Grandview road. In '66 or '67 there was a fatality on this road. This item to be carried over and readdressed next meeting. Item to be forwarded to City Council as affected residents voiced objection to this crushed rock walkway being on their side of the road.

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Joesphine and Donkey Trail – Jim Forsyth voiced a concern to Guy that there is a pedestrian safety concern. The committee feels that this concern is unsubstantiated at present as the barriers have already been pushed back.

Resident Jake Van Kooker was present at the meeting and brought forth the following items for discussion:

Spoke to Randy in October to request additional lighting is placed on Compton between Ian Avenue and Tebo Avenue. Randy will follow up with this as there is a viable pole available to add lighting.

Also requesting additional lighting be placed near the day care by Roger Creek Park at Pemberton and Gertrude.

Rob Cole addressed the usage of traffic circles in Port Alberni.

RF

Further discussion is required to determine if/where this would be useful. We need to pay mind to impeding emergency vehicles and large transport trucks. Randy said that the cost to install a traffic circle can be over a million dollars as opposed to a 4-way stop \$1000. As Argyle and 10th is a testament, 4 way stops also work effectively when properly placed.

MEETING DATES FOR 2014:

April 16, 2014
July 16, 2014
October 15, 2014

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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