



City of Port Alberni

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from the Meeting held Wednesday, January 21st, 2015 at 10:00 am

PRESENT: Guy Cicon - Chair, Wilf Taekema (Streets Superintendent), Ron Paulsen (City Councillor), Pat Dahlquist (SD#70), Cpl. Mike Elston (Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services), Sgt. Darrin Ramey (Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services), Cameron McKinnon (Diversified Transportation), Phil Atkinson (Diversified Transportation), Staff Sgt. Dave Paddock (RCMP),

REGRETS: Deputy Fire Chief Chris Jancowski (PAFD), Caroline Robinson (ICBC), Peggy Gibbs (ICBC)

DELEGATIONS

**Action
By**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Request by City Council regarding a left turn signal at the lights at the intersection of Johnston Rd and Cherry Creek Road. See attached message dated Dec 15, 2014 from Guy Cicon to the Ministry of Transportation.**

Councillor Paulsen (on behalf of Mayor Ruttan) reported that the focus of Council, with regards to the Advisory Traffic Committee, is on the Johnston Road corridor from Walmart to the orange bridge. Council would like to investigate advance left-turn lanes at the Cherry Creek Road intersection, Tebo Avenue intersection and Broughton Street intersection. Another issue is pedestrian safety at Alberni Elementary School during after-school pickups. Many parents park on Johnston Road. Council would like to investigate creating left turn lanes on Johnston at Helen Street, which would prohibit parking on Johnston Road. Council is also focussed on lower Johnston Road. They would like to investigate angle parking and curb extensions for increased safety as well as aesthetics. Another topic is the transition walkway between Argyle Quay and the Maritime Heritage Museum. Guy will discuss these strategies with the Ministry of Transportation at their next meeting.

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- 2. A recent request by the City Engineer for David Street residents to parallel park has some opposition from two residents.**

Guy reported that the residents are now parking parallel which is substantially safer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Concern expressed by a member of the public regarding speeding vehicles around parks and school zones in the city. She is requesting 4-way stops or speed bumps in these areas. Another suggestion was moving a speed reader board to the parks and school zones.** A response letter will be sent by the City Engineer.

Wilf reported that a speed reader board had very recently been moved to Weaver Park. The RCMP and Speedwatch will monitor Weaver Park, 11th Ave Park (at 10th Ave and 11th Ave) and John Paul II Catholic School. Another location for a speed reader board is Anderson Avenue north of Bruce Street. Wilf will investigate a budget item for solar powered panels for the speed reader boards which will give us more flexibility at more sites.

WT/DP

2. **Request by Angela Murray regarding adding a traffic light to the intersection of Johnston Road and Ian Avenue or placing speed bumps on Rex Road. She has also requested that identified high traffic residential areas be permitted to purchase speed bumps and install one per block, removing any cost to the City.** A response letter will be sent by the City Engineer.

The RCMP and Speedwatch will monitor Rex Road. The traffic light request at Ian Ave and Johnston Road will be addressed with the Ministry of Transportation by the City Engineer.

GC/DP

3. **Request by Jim Dyk to discuss the awkward and dangerous intersection of Warnock and Maitland Street. He has suggested a traffic island as a possible fix.** The City Engineer sent a response by telephone.

The Committee would like crash data statistics from ICBC for this intersection. Wilf will investigate painting stop bars and some line painting to improve lane delineation. There is no high traffic volume issue at this intersection.

GC/WT

4. **Request by Rob Gentleman regarding a traffic safety issue at the intersection of 7th Avenue and Angus Street.**

Wilf reported that a hidden driveway sign has been erected on Angus Street and the stop sign on 7th Avenue has been relocated for better site lines. There has also been a crosswalk sign erected. The crosswalk lines will get repainted when weather permits. Guy to contact the homeowner on the east side of 7th Avenue to get the hedge and tree branches cut for better sightlines for pedestrian visibility.

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5. **Request by Enzo Zanetti to continue to parallel park in front of his home at 3810 – 8th Avenue.** A response was sent by telephone.

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Wilf will contact the manager of the long term care facility on Redford Street to see if they use the angle parking stalls on the corner 8th Avenue. He will investigate the removal of the angle parking lines from the corner of Redford Street to 3810 – 8th Avenue as soon as possible.

6. Request by Deane and Hedley Crowther for a pedestrian controlled crossing light at the Arrowsmith and Gertrude crosswalk as well as a change in location of the crossing signs.

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ICBC

Wilf will relocate the pedestrian signs so there are more visible to drivers and paint 3 or 4 yellow delineators on the roadway.

Cam McKinnon brought forward a couple of concerns from his bus drivers: At Maquinna School on 15th Avenue, the request is to take out the curbing alongside the M'akola Housing Development, to get parked cars out of the lane of traffic. The City Engineer reported that the curbing was done to alleviate drainage issues. The Committee recommended to repaint the yellow paint on the curbing to prohibit parking against the curbing.

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There was also a request to remove the stop sign on Melrose Street at 11th Avenue to 11th and 12th Avenue as it is problematic for the bus drivers in inclement weather. The Committee decided to monitor the situation and bring the request back to the Committee at a later date.

MEETING DATES FOR 2015:

April 15, 2015
July 15, 2015
October 21, 2015

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION

Council
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
Scott Kenny - Director of Parks and Recreation
Staff Sgt. Dave Paddock – RCMP
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January 27, 2015

Email: tazieman@hotmail.com

Dear Chris,

Re: Concern expressed regarding speeding vehicles around parks and school zones

Thank you for your email received October 23, 2014 with regards to your concerns about speeding vehicles around parks and school zones in the city – especially Weaver Park area.

On Wednesday, January 21st the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns. The Streets Superintendent has recently relocated a speed reader board to Weaver Park. The RCMP and Speedwatch will monitor Weaver Park, 11th Avenue Park (on 10th Avenue and 11th Avenue), and John Paul II Catholic School. Access to power is sometimes an issue when placing speed reader boards. The City will investigate solar powered panels for speed reader boards which will give us more flexibility at more sites in the future.

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

Yours truly,

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Angela Murray

Email: asmurray13@hotmail.com

Dear Angela,

Re: Concern regarding vehicles speeding on Rex Road

Thank you for your email received October 27, 2014 with regards to your concerns about speeding vehicles on Rex Road.

On Wednesday, January 21st the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns. The RCMP and Speedwatch will monitor traffic on Rex Road. The traffic light request at Ian Avenue and Johnston Road intersection will be addressed with the Ministry of Transportation by the City Engineer.

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

Yours truly,

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