



## City of Port Alberni

# ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

**Minutes from the Meeting held Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 10:00 am**

**PRESENT:** Wilf Taekema, Chair (Director of Engineering & Public Works), Councillor Ron Corbeil, Councillor Ron Paulsen (arrived at 10:30am), Larry Ransom (SD#70), Wes Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief (PAFD) , Sgt. Darrin Ramey (Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services), Phil Atkinson (Diversified Transportation)

**REGRETS:** Brian Mousley, Streets Superintendent, Cameron McKinnon (Diversified Transportation), Peggy Gibbs (ICBC), Caroline Robinson (ICBC)

### DELEGATIONS

**Cycle Alberni, John Mayba, Bill Brown, Ian Thomas, Candace Roberts**

**Action  
By**

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**1. Discussion surrounding crosswalk at Johnston Road and Ian Avenue**

This intersection is under Ministry jurisdiction. Peggy has contacted someone from the Ministry and we will wait for a response. It was mentioned that Ministry cost sharing is usually 50/50 and as such the cost to the City may be half of \$80,000 - \$90,000.

PG/WT

**2. Letter from Karen Peters requesting “deer crossing” signs at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and North Park Drive and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Dunbar Street.**

Wilf will ask the City’s Manager of Communications, Alicia, to do a media awareness campaign via social media to educate the public.

### NEW BUSINESS

**1. Presentation by John Mayba on behalf of Cycle Alberni**

John presented recommendations for 4 key intersections in Port Alberni:  
10<sup>th</sup> Ave & Dunbar recommendations– get ICBC to do crash data search for this intersection. Install a let down at the dip where the path begins toward the Curling Club

PG/WT

River Road & Beaver Creek Road recommendations – this is Ministry controlled.

Gertrude St & Roger Street recommendations – observed that there has been an increase in logging trucks lately on Victoria Quay

Stamp Avenue recommendations – offroad protected bike lanes, ICBC traffic study?

PG

Additional Concerns:

Potholes are very dangerous for cyclists

WT

10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Redford Street – eliminate parking spaces at Cygnet

Apartments - pinch point now because of left hand turn lane into Co-Op  
Stopping at traffic lights is very dangerous for cyclists – it is better to “take the lane” than stop beside a vehicle (would like ICBC advice)  
More pinch points – Bike count members noticed that Roger Street at train tracks needs crosswalk  
Gyro Park Trail – roots coming up – Parks Department

WT

Other Recommendations: big trucks to use inside lane where possible and decrease speed limits in city limits

Councillor Corbeil comments – start looking at bike paths off main streets, bike maps, biking education as part of school curriculum

WT

**2. Letter sent to Mayor and Council on November 24, 2018 from Aaron Brevick suggesting a sponsorship program for upgrading city crosswalks.**

It was discussed that ICBC may be able to help prioritize which crosswalks could be included on a larger scale program. It was suggested that this may be more suited to a corporate sponsorship program. It was also suggested that the City revisit our memorial program.

PG/WT

**3. Steven Jones submitted a concern via the City’s website regarding traffic safety issues at the intersection of Leslie Avenue and Lathom Road just above the train tracks.**

ICBC reported that there is no crash history at this intersection. A 4-way stop is not recommended at this intersection due to proximity to the train tracks. The City will continue to monitor this intersection and can revisit a 4-way stop installation if the train stops running.

WT

**4. Letter sent to Mayor and Council on December 24, 2018 from Eric Hockaday regarding unlit pedestrian crosswalks at our main intersections.**

It was recognized that the City can’t control what people wear and drivers must drive according to road conditions. ICBC suggested a public education campaign. For the top 4 intersections stated, ICBC crash stats showed pedestrian claims in the last 5 years – 3 occurred at night and 5 occurred during daylight. Claims at intersections along the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue corridor in 5 years (2013-2017) showed 2 claims, both of which occurred during daylight. ICBC also checked all of the 19 intersections in Port Alberni where a pedestrian claim was reported (2013-2017) and found that all of them had overhead lighting. Road agencies must direct their limited resources to where they can most effectively address the most pressing needs.

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**5. Larry Ransom brought forward an email from Principal Darrin Olson at E.J. Dunn on January 7, 2019 regarding the City’s Argyle Water Supply Main Replacement Project.**

The City met with Principal Darrin Olson. Alicia, the City’s Manager of Communications, provided pamphlets to the school regarding a traffic plan. This project should be complete by the next Advisory Traffic Committee meeting in April.

**6. Larry Ransom brought forward at email from Laurie Morphet at Alberni Elementary School on January 7, 2019 regarding traffic flow concerns at the school.**

This is an ongoing issue with lack of parking at peak times. Bylaw and RCMP have been there repeatedly. ICBC questioned whether the school has thought of dividing students into 2 or 3 groups that start and end the school day at slightly different times. Larry to bring suggestion to school principal.

LR

**LATE ITEMS**

Councillor Paulson questioned whether there is still a bike rodeo in Port Alberni for children involving bike education and instruction for children. A service club used to sponsor one.

He also commented that the light at LB Woodchoppers on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is a very long light which isn't warranted. There is very little traffic on the cross street there.

WT

**SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2019:**

**April 17, 2019**

**July 17, 2019**

**October 16, 2019**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

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Davina Hartwell - City Clerk

Wilf Taekema – Director of Engineering and Public Works

Brian Mousley – Streets Superintendent

Katelyn McDougall –Manager of Planning

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February 12, 2019

Aaron Brevick  
2840 Highmoor Road  
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 8R1

Dear Mr. Brevick,

**Re: Letter sent to Mayor and Council on November 27, 2018 suggesting a sponsorship program for upgrading City crosswalks**

Thank you for your letter received November 27, 2018 with regards to your suggestion for a sponsorship program for upgrading City crosswalks.

On Wednesday, January 23, 2019 the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your suggestion.

Crosswalk upgrades are considered on the basis of need, and prioritized on a city-wide basis. Input is taken from various sources, including ICBC who often contribute to upgrading projects.

It was also suggested that the City revisit our memorial program.

I appreciate your concern on the matter of crosswalk safety. Please call me if you have any further questions.

Yours truly,

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Steven Jones  
stevenjones\_919@hotmail.com

Dear Mr. Jones,

**Re: Letter sent via the City's website regarding traffic safety at the intersection of Leslie Avenue and Lathom Road just above the train tracks**

Thank you for your letter received November 29, 2018 with regards to your concerns about speeding vehicles on this stretch of Lathom Road.

On Wednesday, January 23, 2019 the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns.

ICBC reported that there is no crash history at the Leslie/Lathom intersection, or along Lathom through the s-curves. A 4-way stop is not recommended at the Leslie/Lathom intersection due to proximity to the train tracks. The City will continue to monitor this intersection and can revisit a 4-way stop installation if the train stops running.

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Eric Hockaday  
#103 – 4345 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 4X5

Dear Mr. Hockaday,

**Re: Letter sent to Mayor and Council on December 24, 2018 regarding unlit pedestrian crosswalks at main intersections**

Thank you for your letter received December 24, 2018 with regards to your concerns with driving at night and unlit crosswalks. On Wednesday, January 23, 2019 the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns.

It was discussed and agreed that the City can't control what people wear and drivers must drive according to road conditions.

For the top 4 intersections stated, ICBC crash stats showed pedestrian claims in the last 5 years – 3 occurred at night and 5 occurred during daylight. Claims at intersections along the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue corridor in 5 years (2013-2017) showed 2 claims, both of which occurred during daylight. ICBC also checked all of the 19 intersections in Port Alberni where a pedestrian claim was reported (2013-2017) and found that all of them had overhead lighting. Road agencies are obliged to direct their limited resources to where they can effectively address the most pressing needs.

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