AGENDA

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING January 23, 2019 at 10:00 am at City Hall in the Committee Room

ENT:
DELEGATIONSJohn Mayba, Cycle Alberni (report on recommendations attached)
REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Discussion surrounding crosswalk at Johnston Road and Ian Avenue Peggy from ICBC will report if she has been able to contact the Ministry.
Letter from Karen Peters requesting "deer crossing" signs at 10 th Avenue and North Park Drive and 10 th Avenue and Dunbar Street. Wilf to report about a media awareness campaign and/or entrance signs to the City to "expect wildlife on our roads".
NEW BUSINESS
Letter sent to Mayor and Council on Novemeber 24, 2018 from Aaron Brevick suggesting a sponsorship program for upgraded city crosswalks. (See attachment)
Steven Jones submitted a form submission on the City's website on November 28, 2018 regarding traffic safety issues at the intersection of Leslie Avenue and Lathom Road just above the train tracks. (See attachment)

y Ransom brought forward an email from Principal Darrin Olson at E.J. I anuary 7, 2019 regarding the City's Argyle Water Supply Main Replacemect. (See attachment)
y Ransom brought forward an email from Laurie Morphet at Alberni nentary School on January 7, 2019 regarding traffic flow concerns at the pol. (See attachment)
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DISCUSSION

SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2019:

January 16, 2019 July 17, 2019 April 17, 2019 October 16, 2019

DISTRIBUTIONCouncillor Ron Paulson

Councillor Ron Corbeil (alternate)
Tim Pley – CAO
Davina Hartwell - City Clerk
Wilf Taekema, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Brian Mousley, Streets Superintendent
Katelyn McDougall, Manager of Planning

Katelyn McDougall, Manager of Planning Flynn Scott, Manager of Bylaw Services Willa Thorpe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage Sgt. Dave Boyce – R.C.M.P.

Wes Patterson, Acting 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 <u>Caroline.Robinson@icbc.com</u>

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

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

Recommendations to Advisory Traffic Committee



January 23, 2019

We appreciate this opportunity to raise our concerns and make a number of recommendations to the Advisory Traffic Committee (ATC).

The following are our concerns and recommendations in order of importance. We would like to suggest that ICBC traffic engineers be consulted with regard to all of our recommendations. They are the experts.

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1. Tenth Avenue and Dunbar

This is the site of a recent fatal collision between a cyclist and a motor vehicle.

Kevin's story: In 2013 when Kevin was new to Port Alberni he rode his bike every day. He had so many close calls at Tenth and Dunbar that he and Bill Brown went to the ATC to raise the issue of this deathly intersection. Cindy Solda and Rob Cole Jr. were Council Reps at that time. No action was taken to change the intersection.

Why dangerous?

- Going downhill, cyclists are often going fast, vehicle drivers often miss-judge that.
- There is often a vehicle at the 4 way stop at Argyle with whom cyclists may proceed through the intersection. Thus, when biking down 10th Ave the cyclist may be in the shadow of the car.
- The road has a short flat section right at Dunbar where the degree of the hill changes so it's also harder to see cyclists who are often low to the ground to begin with.

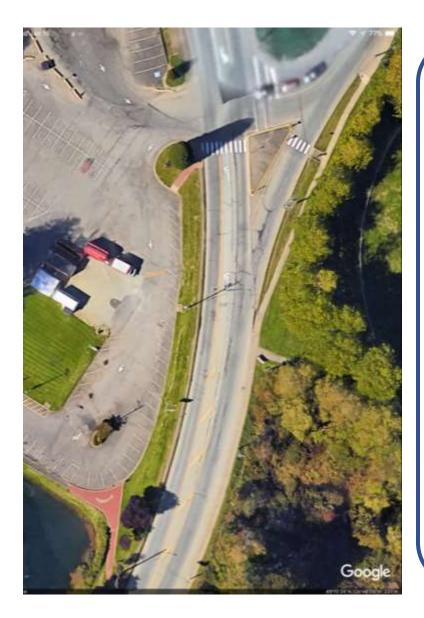


Recommendations

- 1. When traveling south on 10th Ave towards QF, no left turns onto Dunbar. (Drivers should proceed to the 4 Way stop if they want to go East on Argyle.)
- 2. No straight through Tenth Avenue from one side of Dunbar to the other.
- 3. Installation of a curb letdown at the midway point of the dip so that cyclists proceeding south, can turn right toward the old arena to avoid the rest of the hill when proceeding towards Uptown.

2. River Road and Beaver Creek

John's story: John rides his bike towards Sproat Lake through this intersection almost every day. There is great danger of being cut off by cars exiting River Road to Beaver Creek. John has developed a very sophisticated way of dealing with the traffic but it took a few close calls to learn this method and the danger is for cyclists unfamiliar with the traffic patterns. This is an extremely dangerous intersection.



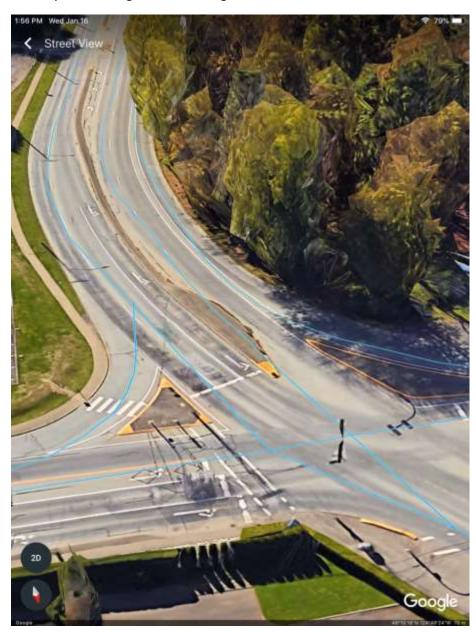
Recommendations

- 1. Green painted bike lane across entrance to Beaver Creek
- 2. "Yield to Cyclist Sign" installed at the entrance to Beaver Creek
- 3. Also, in this same area, there is a very short curb let down on the north side of the Kitsuksis bridge which is barely visible.

The let down should be lengthened and painted orange so cyclists can see where to come down to the pavement if they feel they need to ride the sidewalk over the bridge. (If a cyclist misses the let down, there is no other place to come off the sidewalk due to a very high curb).

3. Gertrude and Roger

Charles's story: "I was pinched once between two logging trucks there". Charles rides south on Gertrude towards downtown regularly. Once he goes through Roger and on to Stamp he is squeezed by the cars coming from Gertrude on his left and by the cars merging from Victoria Quay on his right. He must very skillfully move along to avoid having to thread the needle between two lanes of traffic.

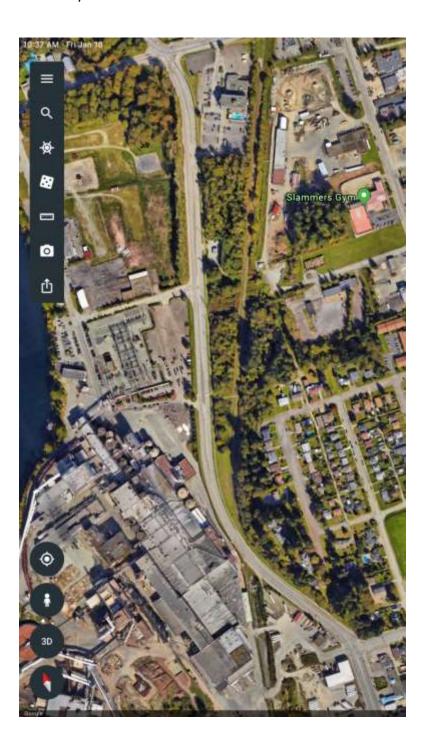


Recommendation

Close Victoria Quay to vehicular traffic. We realize this is a radical solution but the idea of a pedestrian area at Victoria Quay has been raised in the past, including at the Johnston Road Design Charrette, and the change would radically improve safety for cyclists in that area and heading onto stamp avenue.

4. Stamp Avenue

Bill's story: This is one of the busiest corridors in the city. Vehicles, including industrial trucks often come through well over the speed limit. The narrow shoulders and lack of "escape routes", due to the concrete barriers, continue to make it very hazardous to cyclists. The previous Council had \$250,000 to rectify the situation and much to the frustration of the cycling community, they failed to make use of the money.



Recommendation

Because of the highly contentious (read political) nature of issues connected with traffic in this corridor, we recommend consultation with ICBC traffic engineers & a through community process to come up with a solution to this highly dangerous situation.

Additional Concerns

Potholes

- 1. 5 specific potholes at the moment. These need to be filled because cyclists can have serious, life threatening accidents if they hit them. Note the case of Mr. Wynons in the 2000s.
 - Johnston Rd. at the Chevron
 - Near the Shelter
 - 6th Avenue near Wallace
 - Orange Bridge
 - On Stamp Avenue on the Catalyst side

10th and Redford

This intersection is notoriously bad. Multiple pedestrians have died on this corner. For cyclists, the intersection is much worse since the new Co-op went in. In the short term we recommend removing 2 parking spots going North from Redford (across the street from the new Co-op).

Traffic lights not activated by cyclists.

It is very frustrating and potentially dangerous when a cyclist arrives at a light which "does not see" them. This is particularly bad at the following intersections:

- Johnston and Victoria Quay
- Johnston and Gertrude
- Redford and Tenth
- Redford and Third

Recommendation

Make signal sensors bike activated without having to lay bikes down on road. Alternatively, put cyclist activated button near the line of cyclist travel.

Pinch Points

- Kitsuksis bridge at the marina
- Roger Street bridge
- Tenth Avenue Dip

Roger Street and Train Tracks

High Pedestrian traffic, needs a crosswalk

Gyro Park Trail surface

Highly used area. Branches come up through the trail and overhanging the trail. Dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. Trail needs renovating.

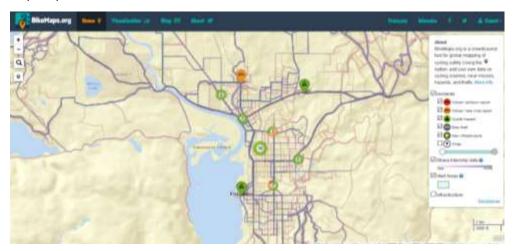
Other Recommendations

- 1. Trucks should use inside lanes. Especially at intersections, this could be safer for pedestrians and cyclists stopped at curbs. Note fatal accident at Tenth and Redford.
- 2. Decrease speed limits in areas frequented by cyclists and pedestrians (especially in designated urban bike trails).

Tools

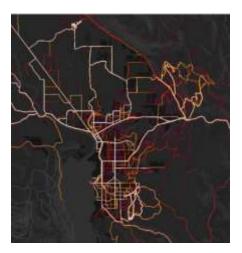
Bikemaps.org

Can get municipal updates



Strava

Heat maps show heavily traveled routes



Cycle Alberni

Consult us for site specific details

http://www.avtransitiontown.org/cycle-alberni/

https://www.facebook.com/cyclealberni/

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Item to be received for the next Port Alberni city council meeting.

Submitted by Aaron Brevick of 2840 Highmoor rd

Nov 24/2018

Addressed to Mayor and Council:

The city has several sponsorship programs in place for benches and trees. I am not sure how often these services are used however I do see benches with plaques in various parks and other locations.

We all ready have several much safer to use pedestrian activated, crosswalks with flashing lights. I would guess that the city has a dollar figure somewhere on how much these upgrades would cost per crossing. Would it be possible to add the crosswalk upgrades to a list of possible sponsorships available locally? Perhaps including a small plaque, to recognize the donor. An example would read something like (this public safety upgrade provided by West Side or Sans Group)

I understand that it wouldn't receive a lot of attention because of the high cost but a safety upgrade is something a community can fundraise for, trees and benches are great but I couldn't bring myself to sponsor that program when I was able because of other more deserving causes.

We understand and appreciate all the city has done and continues to do to upgrade street lights and crosswalks. But with the promotion of bike lanes and walking creates safety issues and every time one of these illuminated crosswalks is used it gives drivers far better chances of seeing the danger if not necessarily the person. Just a idea to help bring forth a bit more public safety and engage larger corporations to help us out with infrastructure upgrades, Perhaps the city would supply the labor if the sponsor paid for the material upgrades.

I trust council would find the happy medium in this should they choose to engage it.

Just an idea as the community comes into our foggy months

Thank you for your considerations



Veronica Irg

From:

Wilf Taekema

Sent:

Thursday, November 29, 2018 11:28 AM

To: Cc: Alicia Puusepp Veronica Irg

Subject:

RE: Report a Problem - Form Submission

Attachments:

2019 Advisory Traffic Committee Meeting Schedule

Hi Alicia; We could add this to the next ATC agenda. Veronica will do that.

Attached is an email from Tanis including the 2019 ATC schedule adopted by Council.

Wilf Taekema

Dir. of Engineering and Public Works

City of Port Alberni Phone: 250 720-2838

Email: wilf taekema@portalberni.ca

----Original Message-----From: Alicia Puusepp

Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 9:55 AM

To: Wilf Taekema

Subject: FW: Report a Problem - Form Submission

Good day Wilf,

Please find below a "Report a Problem" submission regarding road safety and traffic movement. I think the best course of action would be to forward this to the Advisory Traffic Committee for consideration. Are you the correct person to get this on the agenda? Also, when does the Committee meet next?

Once I hear back from you, I'll send a note to this individual to let me know how their input will be received.

Regards, Alicia

----Original Message-----

From: webmaster@portalberni.ca <webmaster@portalberni.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 11:29 AM To: Alicia Puusepp <<u>alicia puusepp@portalberni.ca</u>>

Subject: Report a Problem - Form Submission

You have received a form submission from the Report a Problem Page on the City Website:

Submitted on: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 - 11:29am

Problem Type: Traffic complaint Problem Location: Lathom rd

Problem Description:

I have noticed a major safety issue with traffic traveling along Lathom rd just above the train tracks after crossing through the Lathom rd and Leslie rd intersection.

There is a slight S bend in the road just after the intersection while continuing eastbound along Lathom rd with limited vision. Vehicles continuously carry speed while crossing over the train tracks and though the intersection.

Quite often I see vehicles going to fast that they actually cross fully over the yellow line into the oncoming traffic flow to keep their speed while continuing eastbound up the road. There is also a alley way on the south side of the S bend which I have also almost seen a number of accidents as a result of the dangerous driving taking place on this section of Lathom rd due to the fact vehicles never slow down when approaching the area.

I have a couple of solutions that would help to mitigate risks to this area and I believe prevent a accident from happening.

- 1. Place a stop sign below the train tracks to force people to stop before carry on with speed through the intersection. This is a vary odd area with only stops signs on three of the four sections of intersection.
- 2. Place traffic pylons (Like the ones in-front of the new co op on 10th Ave) on the centre line of the road through the S turn. This would cause vehicles to slow down and navigate this section of the road with caution due to the fact they cannot cross the centerline and carry all their speed while continuing eastbound. The traffic pylons pivot to prevent damaging a vehicle in the event a pylon is hit.

I truly believe it is only a matter of time until there is a accident or fatality on this section of road and I look forward to hearing your input/solution to this.

Thank you, Steven Jones

Contact Name: Steve

Phone Number: 2507206471

Email Address: stevenjones 919@hotmail.com

DEAR MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

DEC 3 1 2018 CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

I have a SAFETY CONCERN, and I want immediate action, and I won't take No for an answer, I don't want to hear that nothing can be done-I believe that with any problem, if there is a will then there always is a way to solve it. I am a local senior who lives here in town and I drive a lot at nightime. And as you know it rains a lot here

especially in winter which is now,

My Safety Concern is regarding the very many Pedertrian Cross walks here in town, especially the ones on our main streets like Johnson Road, 3rd Avenue, Red ford + 10th Ave. Johnson Road, 3rd Avenue, Red ford + 10th Ave. Very close to hitting with my car pedertrian who use our cross walks at night time. who use over cross walks at night time, when its dark and raining hard. I come close to hitting them because I can't see theme The problem is mostly because most people

and pedestrians are wearing all black or dark coloured clothing and no high visible sofety vests.

AND most cross walks are not lit up, and have no floshing lights.

* SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO SOLVE

THIS + THESE PROBLEMS; and needs action im mediately

Eric Hockaday Port Albert

NO -1S NOT AN ANSWER



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January 8, 2019

Eric Hockaday 103-4345 10th Avenue Port Alberni, BC V9Y 1V8

Dear Mr. Hockaday:

Thank you for your December 24th, 2018 letter expressing concern about pedestrian crosswalks in Port Alberni. Your letter has been forwarded to the Director of Engineering and Public Works to be brought to the Advisory Traffic Committee which next meets on Wednesday, January 16th, 2019 at 10:00 am. As this is an open meeting, you are welcome to attend.

Thank you for taking the time to address these issues.

Yours truly, CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

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Davina Hartwell City Clerk

c. Wilf Taekema, Director of Engineering and Public Works Advisory Traffic Committee

Veronica Irg

From:

Larry Ransom < lransom@sd70.bc.ca>

Sent:

Monday, January 07, 2019 11:10 AM

To:

Veronica Irg

Cc:

Darrin Olson; Greg Roe; Christine Washington

Subject:

Fw: Argyle Water Supply Main Replacement Project

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Hello Veronica.

Could you please bring this item forward to the Advsory Traffic Committee for discussion.

Thank you Larry Ransom SD 70 Liaison

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

From: Larry Ransom < lransom@sd70.bc.ca Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 11:05 AM

To: Darrin Olson **Cc:** Larry Ransom

Subject: RE: Argyle Water Supply Main Replacement Project

Hi Darrin.

I will forward this to the Advisory Traffic Committee for discussion.

Larry

From: Darrin Olson

Sent: January 7, 2019 10:38 AM

To: Larry Ransom < !ransom@sd70.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Argyle Water Supply Main Replacement Project

FYI

From: Alicia Puusepp <alicia puusepp@portalberni.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, January 2, 2019 2:16 PM To: Darrin Olson dolson@sd70.bc.ca

Cc: Amar Giri <amar giri@portalberni.ca>; Brian Mousley <bri>brian mousley@portalberni.ca>

Subject: Argyle Water Supply Main Replacement Project

Good afternoon Principal Olson,

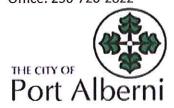
It was a pleasure speaking with you this afternoon and congratulations once again on your new job.

As mentioned, we are on the brink of a major watermain upgrade on Argyle Street that will pass in front of EJ Dunn in the coming weeks/month. Please find attached a copy of the project fact sheet for your consideration. Once you have approved the piece for distribution, I will print and deliver 300 copies to the school for dissemination to parents via the students.

In addition to the fact sheet, I will also be creating and distributing neighbourhood newsletter as work progresses. These newsletter will provide information on specific activities and impact mitigation measures or general progress updates on the project. As each newsletter is finalized I will be sure to provide you with a copy via email.

If you wish to speak about this project in more detail, I would be happy to arrange a meeting between yourself, the City and our hired contractor at a time that is convenient for you.

Kind regards, Alicia Puusepp Communications Manager Office: 250-720-2822



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Veronica Irg

From:

Larry Ransom < lransom@sd70.bc.ca>

Sent:

Monday, January 07, 2019 12:15 PM

To:

Veronica Irg

Cc:

Laurie Morphet; Marc Fryer; Christine Washington; Greg Roe

Subject:

Fw: SD 70 Alberni Traffic and Transportation questions, concerns or issues Re: City of

Port Alberni Advisory Traffic Committee

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Hello Veronica.

Re: Alberni Elementary School Helen Street left turn signal and crosswalk concerns.

Could you please bring this item forward to the Advisory Traffic Committee for discussion.

Thanks

Larry

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From: Laurie Morphet < lmorphet@sd70.bc.ca Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 11:26 AM

To: Larry Ransom

Cc: Greg Smyth; Greg Roe; Marc Fryer

Subject: RE: SD 70 Alberni Traffic and Transportation questions, concerns or issues Re: City of Port Alberni Advisory

Traffic Committee

Hi Larry

Because AES is mostly a school of choice (256 French Immersion and 132 English) we draw students from all over the valley. Bussing is provided for students in our catchment area only. When I arrived at AES there were 3 buses transporting students and now there is one. This means we have a large number of parents who drive their children to school. Helen Street parking is a challenge as many parents park on the yellow no parking line, drop their child(ren) off in the middle of the road or on the crosswalk. Parking along Arrowsmith is also challenging/over-crowded. In the last few months AES Admin have meet with Greg Roe, Lee Gibson and the City Planner-Wilf to walk around the AES property to brainstorm solutions that could increase student safety. I have since met with RCMP Corporal Amelia Hayden who has personally patrolled 2x during rush hour. I had a conversation with Bylaw officer Nathan Bourelle who has some experience from other cities and has some ideas-he also patrolled once during peak time. The next step is to organize a meeting that we all attend so concrete plans can be explored.

- We tried moving the school bus to drop off/pick up at different locations around the school to see if
 the bus loop might be used as a parent drop off. All alternate places we tried were problematic for
 various reasons, so the bus has been relocated back to the bus loop.
- Many notices to promote safe driving/parking have gone out several times each year.
- Parents have taken pictures of parking infractions which I have forwarded to the RCMP.

Some of the challenges are

- Crosswalk across Johnson (near Tim Horton's)-cars on Helen can turn left onto Johnson when the light
 indicates it is safety for people to cross. A parent narrowly missed hitting a student who crossed
 earlier this year. It would be ideal, during school hours, to have no left hand turn when pedestrians are
 crossing. This is under the jurisdiction of Highways.
- Crosswalk light on Helen (between By Low and AES-near Johnson) is too short/narrow to accommodate the load after school (when everyone is released at the same time). Parents/student jaywalk far outside the crosswalk
- Parents parking where they shouldn't (Nathan-Bylaw officer has some ideas and asked for a few weeks as his boss was away on holidays)
- Staff parking in the present spot is problematic because students are crossing into/out of the staff
 parking lot when they are being dropped off/picked up before/after school. We brainstormed the idea
 of potentially moving the staff parking lot to a section of the back field.

Short and simple-we have traffic flow concerns and want to do all we can to increase student safety.

If you have any questions or want to join when we have another meeting, you're welcome.

Laurie

From: Larry Ransom < lransom@sd70.bc.ca Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 10:34 AM

To: Ron Behnke <<u>rbehnke@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Laurie Morphet <<u>lmorphet@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Marc Fryer <<u>mfryer@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Darrin Olson <<u>dolson@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Maghen Girard <<u>mgirard@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; David Maher <<u>dmaher@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Steven Brown <<u>sbrown@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Heidi Homan <<u>hhoman@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Darren Homan <<u>dhoman@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Julie Dawson <<u>jdawson@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; James Messenger <<u>jmessenger@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Jayne Chase <<u>jchase@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Rob Souther <<u>rsouther@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Carl Poole <<u>cpoole@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Nick Seredick <<u>nseredick@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Jeannette Badovinac <<u>jbadovinac@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Sean Petersen <<u>spetersen@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Julie Anderson <<u>janderson@sd70.bc.ca</u>> Cc: Christine Washington <<u>CWashington@sd70.bc.ca</u>>; Greg Roe <<u>groe@sd70.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: SD 70 Alberni Traffic and Transportation questions, concerns or issues Re: City of Port Alberni Advisory Traffic Committee

Dear SD 70 School Administrators.

Re: Preparation for an upcoming City of Port Alberni Advisory Traffic Committee Meeting.

I am seeking feedback on any concerns or questions school administration may have on traffic and transportation related issues or developments in SD 70 school zones in Port Alberni.

Thank you in advance.

Larry Ransom SD 70 Liaison City of P.A. Advisory Traffic Committee

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