



City of Port Alberni

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from the Meeting held Wed., July 17th, 2013 at 10:00 am

PRESENT: Guy Cicon - Chair, Randy Fraser (City of PA), Pat Dahlquist (SD#70), Cameron McKinnon (Diversified Transportation), Sgt. Dave Paddock (RCMP), Cpl. Mike Elston (CVITS) 11:15 a.m. Rob Cole and Cindy Solda (City Councillors)

REGRETS: Chris Jancowski (Firehall), Caroline Robinson (ICBC), Dave Hill (ICBC)

DELEGATIONS

Bill Brown, Member of Public/Cyclist
Kevin Head, Member of Public/Cyclist

**Action
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NEW BUSINESS

1. **An emailed letter was received from Ken Rutherford and Dave Maxwell requesting the Committee to discuss parking concerns at the intersection of Frank Street and Argyle Way.**

GC/RF

The Committee discussed issues at this intersection. It was decided to paint both corners to restrict parking directly on the corners.

2. **A letter was received by Mayor and Council from Warren Lauder, Councillor for Hupacasath First Nation expressing concern for increased traffic on nearby residential streets especially industrial truck traffic.**

GC/RF

The Committee discussed the route trucks take when fueling up at the Co-op on Beaver Creek Road. They are forced to take a u-turn route on Indian Avenue, Josephine Street or Compton Road as they cannot make a left turn out of the Co-op back onto Beaver Creek Road. It was also discussed that truck weight may be a factor on the timber bridge on Josephine Street. Co-op might need to be involved to become part of the solution. Guy will talk to the Co-op Manager. The City will investigate the location of speed signs, monitor truck traffic volumes and investigate sidewalk options (paved walkway). This item will be brought forward to the next Advisory Traffic Committee meeting in October as Mr. Lauder was not able to attend this meeting.

Councillor Solda requested that the City monitor traffic conditions on Beaver Creek Road and River Road for increased volume.

GC/RF

Councillor Kerr via Councillor Solda expressed concern regarding drivers not indicating when turning right onto Beaver Creek Road. The City will contact the Ministry of Transportation and investigate arrow painting.

GC/RF

The issue of pedestrian concerns on Grandview Road was raised. The project is "on hold" awaiting more research. Guy to get records of calls from

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residents of Grandview Road re speeding etc. from the RCMP. It was noted that future development of the area will increase pedestrian volumes. It was mentioned that there was a fatality on Grandview road in 1968. The Committee felt that there were good reasons for a walkway. Guy will report to City Council for direction.

DISCUSSION

Randy Fraser reported that there were speed issues during the 10th Avenue job in front of Quality Foods. The paving will be completed Monday or Tuesday next week. GC/RF

Cam reported that the revised bus schedule is working well. There were a few complaints from residents of the Maebelle Road area. Ridership is increasing. There is a new bus shelter on Falls Road. The bus stop was removed from 18th Avenue to around the corner on Argyle Street forcing children at EJ Dunn to use the crosswalk now.

Cpl. Mike Elston, Central Vancouver Island Traffic Services, introduced himself and gave some background about the CVITS mandate.

Councillor Solda expressed concern regarding drivers turning left on Gertrude Street from Johnston Road and making illegal lane changes. She also expressed concern about the Beaver Creek Road and River Road intersection and the issue of heavy industrial trucks using 3rd Avenue.

Councillor Cole expressed concerns regarding speeding through Harbour Quay.

Pat Dahlquist reported that Hummingburde Day Care has now moved to the Wood School site and is under construction. There is a continuous playground and school zone sign all the way from 10th Avenue to Kendall Avenue. The intersection at 10th Avenue and Roger Street is working well. There are still a couple tweaks to do. Pat reported that there are less issues with traffic at the new highschool.

Bill Brown reported cycling/traffic concerns at the 10th Avenue and Dunbar Street intersection. Cpl. Mike Elston suggested high quality flashing lights on bicycles and high visibility clothing. It is not mandated but is definitely worth it for safety reasons. Bill also suggested Green Zones on City streets for cyclists to help alert motorists. Bill reported on hazards to cyclists on the City streets – holes cause bikes to swerve. Randy will investigate holes on 3rd Avenue and Johnston Road and Stamp Avenue. RF

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The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

DISTRIBUTION

Council

Ken Watson - City Manager

Davina Sparrow - City Clerk

Guy Cicon - City Engineer

Randy Fraser - Streets Superintendent

Scott Smith - City Planner

Tim Hautzinger - Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Scott Kenny - Director of Parks and Recreation

Sgt. Dave Paddock – RCMP

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August 20, 2013

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Dear Mr. Lauder,

Re: Concern for increased traffic on Indian Avenue and Josephine Street

Thank you for your letter received May 28, 2013 with regards to your concerns about the increased heavy vehicle use on Indian Avenue and Josephine Street.

On Wednesday, July 17th the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concern. The Committee discussed the fact that heavy trucks re-fuelling at the Co-Op are forced to take a u-turn route on Indian Avenue, Josephine Street or Compton Road as they cannot make a left turn back onto Beaver Creek Road. I will discuss concerns with the Co-Op Manager to see if he can help with a solution. The City will investigate the location of speed signs, monitor truck traffic volumes and investigate sidewalk options (paved walkway).

This item will be brought forward to the next Advisory Traffic Committee meeting on October 16th, 2013 so that you will have a chance to attend.

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

Yours truly,

CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Guy Cicon,
City Engineer