
AGENDA

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

July 19, 2023 at 10:00 am

Following the return to in-person Committee meetings, the City continues to be committed to following the direction of the Provincial Health Officer and the Province of BC to ensure the health and safety of members of Council, staff and the public.

*Members of the public may provide input by submitting written comments and questions by email to mike.fox@portalberni.ca, mail, or drop off at City Hall by 5:00 pm on the day prior to the scheduled meeting day.
Please include your name and address for identification purposes.*

The following pages list all agenda items received by the deadline [12:00 noon on the Wednesday, one week prior to the scheduled meeting]. For a complete copy of the agenda please refer to the City's website www.portalberni.ca or contact the Chief Administrative Officer at 250.720.2824 or by email mike.fox@portalberni.ca or the Development Services Clerk at 250.720.2830 or by email engineering@portalberni.ca.

PRESENT: _____

A. **DELEGATIONS**

B. **REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES**

C. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Create Terms of Reference for Advisory Traffic Committee
2. Update required regarding the roundabout at Beaver Creek Rd. and River Rd.

D. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request from Janine Dame of PA Play Academy, 5350 Margaret Street, requesting the City of Port Alberni consider installing a crosswalk at the crossing of Helen Street and Lathom Road.
2. Request from a resident requesting a crosswalk light to be installed at the crosswalk at 4th Avenue and Argyle Street.

3. Request from Ludger Thibodeau, Support Worker and Community Inclusion Worker, requesting a crosswalk to be installed at Mary Street and River Road, due to safety concerns trying to access the bus stop on River Road.

4. Letters from residents in the area of the 3900 block of 6th Ave. and Maitland Street expressing concerns regarding excessive speeding and the ongoing traffic noise primarily due to commercial truck traffic throughout the day and night.

5. Implementation of bike lanes on Johnston Road, does MOTI support this?

DISCUSSION

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING DATES:

October 18, 2023

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Councillor Charles Mealey
Mike Fox – CAO
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Clinton Wright – Manager of Operations
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Dave Cusson – Manager of Community Policing
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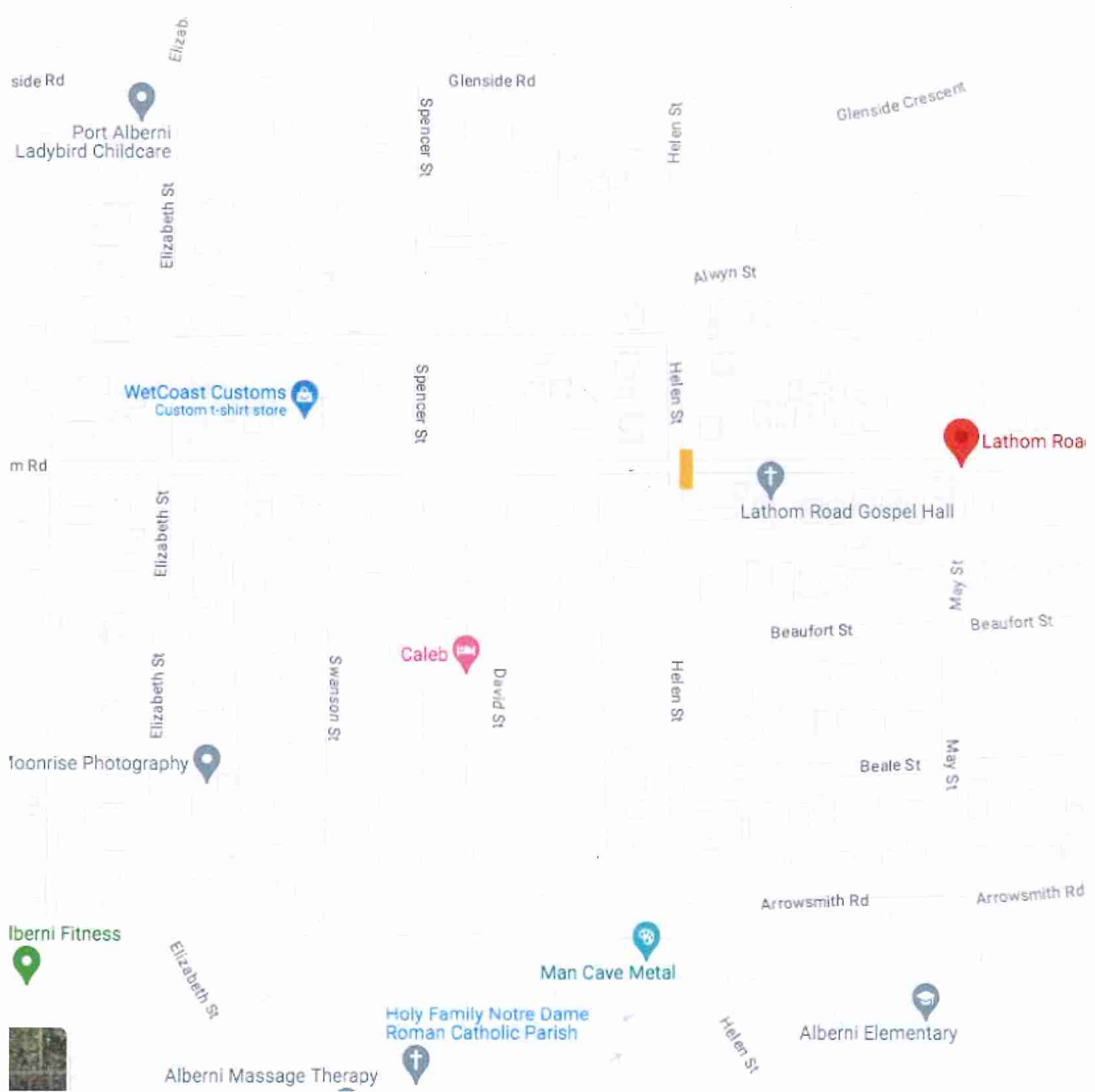
Carol Tottenham

From: Play Academy <paplayacademy@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2023 3:57 PM
To: Charles Mealey; Mike Fox; engineering
Subject: crosswalk request
Attachments: Screen Shot 2023-05-13 at 2.57.22 PM.png

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I would like to request that the City of Port Alberni consider installing a crosswalk at the crossing of Helen and Lathom Rd. The closest crosswalks are currently at Leslie and Gertrude so it's not realistic for kids walking home from Alberni school to walk that far to use a crosswalk. I'm starting a new daycare on Margaret Street and will be walking around 12 children along this route daily. There is a walking path that connects Helen to Glenside Crescent which then leads right to the Kitsuksis walkway. I have attached a map with my requested location for a crosswalk marked in orange. Thank you for considering my request.

Janine Dame
PA Play Academy
5350 Margaret Street
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June 9, 2023

A very kind man came into the Engineering office this afternoon, requesting we put in a proposal for a Cross Walk Light at 4th Avenue & Argyle. He explained that his sister was hit on this crosswalk two years ago and sustained great injuries that she still deals with to this day.

The man was anonymous and I told him that I could send this to the next ATC meeting agenda in a letter if he wished.

Thank you,

Nicolette Savard
Engineering & Development Services Clerk

DEAR MAMA

I AM ASKING FOR
WALK LIGHT ON
4TH AVE AND ARGYLE

~~PLEASE~~ THANK YOU

Carol Tottenham

From: Ludger Thibodeau <lthibodeau96@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 2:49 PM
To: engineering
Subject: Cross walk across stamp avenue at Nasgards market intersection

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hello there my name is Ludger Thibodeau and I am a Support worker as well as a community inclusion worker. I am getting in contact with you because of concerns for my client at the bus station on stamp ave across the street from Nasgards. My client does community inclusion with me and has expressed great safety concerns about access to that bus stop.

My client lives across the street from the bus stop, he has verbally expressed his level of anxiety and fear crossing that road to get access to that bus stop, as cars usually tend to drive quicker on that road and there is no reason for them to stop because of lack of proper walkway for pedestrians.

I really hope you take this into consideration because of the possible harm it can potentially cause.

Thank you for your time

Ludger Thibodeau

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To the traffic advisory Panel,

I live on 6th Ave cross street is Maitland. I can't believe how many semi-trucks loaded with logs are running up and down 6th Ave. all night long causing anywhere for residents trying to sleep. I can go 3 nights without getting any sleep at all severely impacting my life. The trucks are so heavy & going so fast. I've seen the city come and fix the road 4 times in the same spot in 1 year the road is eroded from over weight speeding trucks. We have all commercial trucks day & night using 6th Ave off at Redford St. as a freeway. Most of our bedrooms face 6th Ave. so it sounds like the trucks are going right by your bed. they shake & rattle over the uneven roadway waking everyone in the neighborhood. The amount of debris coming off the trucks is all over the roadway. The debris wiped off windows with paper towel in one day is substantial. the dust inside the house has to be cleaned daily. At the cost of housing, your basic right should be to be able to sleep at night. We are a neighborhood united. We are angry, sleep deprived and fed up with the noise. We are hoping u will come up with a viable solution and end this madness.

Lester West

6th Ave
3900 Bl.
Lots Group
Munster Trucking
Quality Foods
Citi-trail truck
Berry Trucking
Cheyenne Trucks
Mosaic Tr.
Hetherington Trucks

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CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

9 July, 2023

To whom It May Concern

I live at 3957 6th Avenue in Port Alberni.

I moved here nine years ago from Winnipeg.

I love living here: I have a great house and great neighbours. I love the weather - who wouldn't, from Winnipeg?

There's one problem though. I feel like I live next to a "drag strip". At least five days a week cars, trucks, trailers tear up and down my street. You'd think no-one lived on 6th Ave. - no pets, no children and if you can't move fast, like me, be very, very careful if you cross the road or enter your vehicle.

There's a black, low-slung "muscle car" that screams down the street. I swear this guy turns off Redford, grabs the steering wheel, closes his eyes and "lets 'er rip"!

Traffic from the City Yard is worse because they're back and forth all the time. Logging trucks shake my foundation and rattle my teeth. Can something please be done for us?

Lynn Pearn

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I am a residential home owner and occupant in the 3900 block of 6th Ave. for approximately the last 28 years. I am writing in regards to the notable increase in trucking traffic in the last couple of years.

This increase in traffic to a residential street and neighbourhood has persistently become more noticeable particularly between two and four in the early hours of the morning to the point of waking up the household. The security camera is continuously set off by the speed and rumbling of the trucks. Well traveling down the road the trucks also are stirring up dust and rocks which are hitting and landing on the parked vehicles unnecessarily.

Not only now are fully loaded logging trucks using the road as a pass thru but down a block they are parking on the side of the road using it as parking lot. Gordon's Food services is also doing the same thing sometimes having no vehicle attached. I fail to see how this is acceptable. 6th Ave is not a free parking lot and from a safety viewpoint it can obscure the vision of vehicles turning from the dental clinic or from Wallace St.

I am tired of being woken up every night.

Sincerely one of many aggravated taxpayers and residents of 6th Ave.

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City Hall.

TO Traffic Advisory Panel.
Sitting on. July 18th/23.
@ 10:00 A.M. upstairs.

I am making a complaint about the unreasonable traffic noise from very large commercial vehicles on 6th Ave. Fully loaded and empty logging trucks also contribute to the clay and ~~scrap~~ right loud thuds clangs and bangs that disrupt my reading, sleeping and ~~is~~ general peace of mind.

I would like to see all the commercial vehicles that are going to the 2 repair shops enter off of ~~Rogers~~ Roger St. to 6th Ave and not off of Redford.

I have lived at 3988 6th Ave for 33 years. and the last 3 years or so have been only getting worse.

Thank you for your consideration

Bert Thomas

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July 10th, 2023

City Hall
Traffic Advisory Panel CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

re: July 19th 10am upstairs panel

To whom it may concern,

We have been struggling with the constant noise from industrial vehicles that drive through our 6th Ave neighborhood. There is no reason for these logging and commercial vehicles to be routed through our quiet neighborhood. The trucks start around 5am to 6am which is unacceptable. The noise has woken our 6 month old son countless times. We ask that these vehicles be routed through main Port Alberni roads such as 3rd Ave, in order not to disturb our home and neighbors. If this cannot be done, there needs to be regulations on timing at least, such as no traffic prior to 9am or past 7pm. This is only an example.

Thank you for your time and understanding,

Sincerely

Axel Lajevnesse

~~131113~~

Brooke Reid

3978 6th Ave

Port Alberni, BC

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I am a resident of Maitland + 6th ave.

(RACE TRACK) I can no longer tolerate
the noise and incessant trucks + cars
that shouldn't even be on the road at all.
This, by far is an accident waiting to happen.
Please consider a four way stop.

Shanna & Roly. 

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CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

City Hall Council Chambers

PRESENT: Chair, Director of Engineering & Public Works, Rob Dickinson
Deputy Fire Chief, Wes Patterson
Engineering Technologist, Eric Bruvall
Manager of Operations, Clinton Wright
Ministry of Transportation, Jessica Learn
SD#70 Trustee, Larry Ransom
RCMP, Sgt. Peter Dionne
The WestCoast Native Health Care Society, VP/Building Committee Chair Derek Appleton
The Westcoast Native Health Care Society, Project Manager, John Jessup

REGRETS: RCMP, Manager of Community Policing, Dave Cusson
ICBC, Peggy Gibbs
ICBC, Caroline Robinson
Appointed Councillor Charles Mealey

DELEGATIONS

The Westcoast Native Health Care Society (see attached)

- Attached map provided by the delegation
- Discuss proposals on map, discussed future facilities
- Discussed the increase of independent seniors walking the neighbourhood and utilising scooters
- Reviewed improvements to pedestrian and transportation facilities
- Mentioned location of bus stops on Falls Road and challenges getting to that location and requested consideration of a transit bus looping through the neighbourhood with a possible bus stop close to Tsawaayuu on Russell Street
- Presented concepts for street beautification along Russell Place and Street with a totem pole on the corner being planned

Action
see
item 4.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The January 18, 2023 meeting minutes were adopted by the Committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

The following is a summary of discussion points during the meeting and correspondence received by members who were unable to attend provided their responses by email.

1. **February 19, 2023 request by Gerald Cuccio to change the traffic control signals at the intersection of Argyle and 3rd Avenue during the early morning hours from a flashing red light on 3rd Avenue (north/south) to a steady green light with traffic/pedestrian control at Argyle St. (west/east) This is to reduce traffic noise from logging trucks stopping and starting at the intersection.**

RD

The City has engaged Urban Systems to review all of our traffic signals (7+ 1 proposed at Gertrude/Pemberton) current locations, volumes, safety and light timings to ensure safety, consistency and that the signals meet current Engineering standards.

2. March 10, 2023 suggestion by Marjorie Jarrett to use more reflective and longer-lasting paint on city streets and highways.

CW

The Committee discussed challenges with paint since the interruption to supply to North America 2 years ago. Some municipalities are projecting interruptions will continue until 2026. This has impacted how much we can paint and how often. City staff are repainting cross walks, stop bars, accessibility parking etc. The long lining (center lines, fog lines etc.) are contracted to Lafrenz who have committed to painting the lines but this is weather dependent. City staff are reviewing the painting process, paint and additives they use and impacts on equipment, safety and longevity.

3. February 10, 2023 letter from Dineekah Johnson c/o EJ Dunn School to Major and Council regarding safety concerns crossing 3rd Avenue at Athol Street to access the bus stop.

RD/ICBC

Sight lines, vehicle speeds, crossing length, regulatory and cautionary signs were discussed. The City has engaged a transportation engineer to review and propose phased improvements based on costs.

The Committee discussed that the City has a Bylaw prohibiting parking within 6m of an intersection, but has also had a past practice of painting parking stalls right up to the intersection inhibiting sight lines.

ICBC Response (Prior to the meeting the Committee representative from ICBC was not able to access the detailed ICBC crash database, after the meeting they will confirm the crash history at the intersection and whether pedestrian conflicts have been reported).

- the on-line ICBC Crash Maps shows that there have been only 3 claims reported at this intersection in the five reporting years of 2017-2021, all of which were Property Damage Only (i.e., no injury).
- 3rd Ave. intersections figure prominently in the 2021 Network Screening Study, due in part to the wide cross-section and significant traffic volumes on 3rd Ave. The intersection of 3rd Ave/Argyle, which is one block south of the 3rd Ave/Athol intersection, is 5th in the listing of the top study intersections. Some of the safety issues described in the Network Screening Study for 3rd/Argyle may apply to the 3rd/Athol intersection as well, particularly the potential for sightline obstructions caused by on-street parking near the crosswalk. Removal of on-street stalls on the approaches to the crosswalk can be considered to open up sightlines.

- As with previous resident requests for upgraded crosswalks (for example, Item D.1 for the 18 Jan 2023 meeting), the City may want to prioritize upgrades on the basis of warrant reviews, which requires consideration of data such as traffic speeds and volumes.

RD

4. April 12, 2023 request from John Jessup, West Coast Native Health Care Society, to appear as a delegation to discuss establishing a Westporte Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Task Force to develop a Traffic Safety Plan.

While delegation was present the committee discussed the proposal and next steps. The City will engage a transportation engineer to review the improvements and make recommendations based on the proposal and comments of other members which may require coordination between MOTI and the City to complete significant upgrades to both Hwy 4 and Russell Street and Hwy 4 and Falls Road. The City will deploy one of its radar trackers to provide vehicle counts and speeds along Russell St.

RD

DISCUSSION

1. MOTI raised the subject of Lower Johnston improvements which they had provided several years ago.

The City had actually engaged a transportation engineer and engagement professional several weeks ago to move this project forward, so the discussion was very timely.

2. In 2022 the City purchased 5 flexible bollards for demarking pedestrian crossings. Two were installed, one at Alberni Elementary on Helen St and another at Maquinna Elementary on Bruce St.

A third is to be installed at EJ Dunn Elementary at Argyle St and 18th Ave. A fourth may be installed on the crosswalk at Tebo Ave. and Craig Rd.

3. The City will investigate pedestrian safety improvements to the intersection at 18th Ave and China Creek Rd near EJ Dunn Elementary school.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING DATES FOR 2023:

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 & Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

DISTRIBUTION

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Councillor Charles Mealey

Tim Pley – CAO

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The WestCoast Native Health Care Society

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Neighbourhood Pedestrian & Traffic Safety Plan Concept Map (Draft)

ACTION ITEMS

- **Re-install 30km Speed Limit Signage** along Russell Street between River Road and Westporte Blvd. and install new 30 km speed limit signs on Moore Road, Compton Road, and Russell Place, due to increase in pedestrian, scooter and vehicle traffic.
- **Line Paint Neighbourhood Safety Shoulders** along Russell Street (west-side) between River Road and Russell Place, along Russell Place and re-paint the safety shoulders along Falls Road.
- **Line Paint Area Pedestrian Crosswalks** across Russell Place (eastside) between existing Russell Street sidewalk and proposed painted safety shoulder, across Russell Street and River Road, and on Compton, Moore and Hwy Four. at Falls Road.
- **Address Streetlighting Illumination Concerns** across Russell Place (eastside) between existing Russell Street sidewalk and proposed new crosswalk. Re-direct illumination to west side of Russell Street on all existing streetlights.
- **Provide Boulevard Beautification Opportunities** along Russell Street between Russell Place and Westporte Blvd, in partnership with City and implement a tree planting initiative. Investigate with City and local FN's Streetlight banner hangers and Totem Pole neighbourhood patio garden design and installation.



WNHCS Traffic Safety Plan Concept Map (Draft)

Last Revised - March 15, 2023