

A G E N D A

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

**July 18, 2012 at 10:00 am
at City Hall in the Committee Room**

PRESENT: _____

A. DELEGATIONS

B. REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **A petition was brought forward at a “Coffee with the Mayor” event on February 10, 2012 regarding speeding and the lack of a speed limit sign on Grandview Road.**

D NEW BUSINESS

1. **A letter from Allana Tweedie was brought forward at the regular Council meeting on May 14, 2012 requesting the installation of pedestrian activated crossing beacons at all crosswalks on major roads in Port Alberni. (See attached letter.)**

2. **There was a phone message request from a member of the public to change the yield sign to a stop sign at North Crescent and 6th Avenue.**

3. **An email to Mayor Douglas was received from Ron Otte at Jax Store requesting the installation of a crosswalk where the sidewalk ends at Compton Road across from the store as well as a park speed zone to slow traffic in this area. (See attached email.)**
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4. **Aaron Vissia brought forward a concern to Ken Watson, City Manager, regarding parking restrictions on the block of lower Johnston Road between Gertrude Street and Elizabeth Street. (See attached email.)**
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DISCUSSION

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS October 17, 2012

DISTRIBUTION

Councillor Jack McLeman
Councillor Hira Chopra (alternate)
Ken Watson - City Manager
Davina Sparrow - City Clerk
Guy Cicon - City Engineer
Randy Fraser, Streets Superintendent
Scott Smith, Planner
Tim Hautzinger, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Scott Kenny, Director of Parks and Recreation
Sgt. Dave Paddock – R.C.M.P.
Deputy Fire Chief Chris Jancowski - Fire Department
Pat Dahlquist, Trustee, SD 70, email agenda to wdahlqui@shaw.ca
Alison Wong, ICBC, email agenda to alison.wong@icbc.ca or carsonengg@novuscom.net
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C- Engineer
Guy Cicon



ALLANA TWEEDIE, BSC., OC(C), COMT

DATE: 20 APRIL 2012

Send to: Port Alberni City Council

Attention:

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Fax Number: 250-723-1003

From: Allana Tweedie

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☐ URGENT
INFORMATION

☐ REPLY ASAP

☐ PLEASE COMMENT

☐ PLEASE REVIEW

☐ FOR YOUR

COMMENTS:

Dear City Council,

Please find a copy of the letter that I have sent to Councillor Rob Cole regarding an issue that I feel is very important to the safety of citizens.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Allana Tweedie

fax cover

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April 16, 2012

City of Port Alberni City Council
C/O Mr. Rob Cole
Council Member of the Advisory Traffic Committee
4384 Dogwood St.
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 3Z9

Dear Mr. Cole

RE: Safety of Port Alberni Citizens

I am writing to you today with concern for the safety of the citizens of Port Alberni.

According to Transport Canada, more than 60% of pedestrians killed in traffic crashes are killed while trying to cross the road. As well, pedestrians crossing at cross walks with no traffic control accounted for more than 26% of fatalities according to their 2010 fact sheet. Of all pedestrian fatalities, 75% occurred on urban roads. They estimate on average that 363 pedestrians and 60 bicyclists are killed and many more injured each year in traffic crashes.

It was in October I became aware of the deficiencies in the safety of our city. I was involved in a rear end collision at the corner of Bute and 3rd Avenue when a bicyclist crossed the five lane cross walk. Since this time, I have noticed that there are very few cross walks with flashing pedestrian activated beacons despite there being many cross walks on major roads, which I consider having more than three lanes.

Weather conditions in Port Alberni are most often overcast with rain. As well, our major roadways see a large volume of traffic. With unfavorable weather and lighting conditions as well as high traffic volumes, it is sometimes impossible to see pedestrians wishing to cross at crosswalks four or more lanes of traffic away. Due to this, pedestrians and motorists alike are at risk of injury.

Upon further inspection of our major roads, I discovered that 3rd Avenue has a total of 26 cross walks; 6 with traffic controlled lights, 1 with a cross walk beacon, and 19 only marked. Johnston Road has a total of 13 cross walks; 8 with traffic controlled lights and 5 just marked. Redford Street has a total of 13 cross walks; 4 with traffic controlled lights, one with a cross walk beacon, and 8 just marked. Of the cross walks that were allocated traffic controlled lights or beacon, they were far apart. All of these roads had at least four lanes of traffic and see most of the city's traffic. This is creating a large safety concern for our pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists.

Therefore, I kindly request that the City Council pass a resolution to install pedestrian activated crossing beacons at all cross walks on major roads, mainly Redford Street, 3rd Avenue, and Johnston Road. These roads are all major roadways consisting of at least four if not five lanes and have high volumes of traffic. It has been proven that crossing beacons increase motorist compliance with pedestrian crossing by 86%. As well, crossing devices such as the HAWK device which have an overhead red-yellow beacon that faces both directions and flashes amber then changes to red to indicate for motorists to stop while pedestrians cross has been shown to increase compliance 95% on major roads. By installing these pedestrian crossing beacons, motorists will be able to be made aware of a pedestrian's intention to cross even in unfavorable weather and traffic conditions, which would considerably increase the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists alike.

I sincerely urge the city council to act for the safety of Port Alberni residents and pass a resolution which seeks to install pedestrian crossing beacons at cross walks on all major roadways in the city.

Yours Respectfully,

Allana Tweedie
Allana Tweedie



Re: Fw: benches 
Guy Cicon to: John Douglas
Cc: "Ron Otte", scott_kenny, Veronica Irg

05/25/2012 09:28 AM

We will forward the traffic requests to our Advisory Traffic Committee in July.

Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng.
City of Port Alberni
City Engineer
ph: (250)-720-2838

From: John Douglas/CPA/ca
To: scott_kenny@portalberni.ca, "Guy Cicon" <guy_cicon@portalberni.ca>
Cc: "Ron Otte" <jaxstore@hotmail.com>
Date: 05/24/2012 06:10 PM
Subject: Fw: benches

Hello Guy and Scott ,
Ron at Jack's Store has the following concerns.Could you please contact him to follow up (Guy on the traffic,Scott on the benches)?Thank you - John

From: Ron Otte [jaxstore@hotmail.com]
Sent: 05/25/2012 12:33 AM GMT
To: John Douglas
Subject: benches

Hi John

Always enjoy your visits to the store.

As per our conversation a reminder to talk to Scott Kenny about benches and or picnic tables at the park across the street.

My staff tells me a crosswalk should be in place, the sidewalk in the park ends at Compton Rd. and there is no crosswalk. The other concern was a park speed zone to slow the traffic down. You know if there is an accident we are going to call you out to attend.

Thanks for your time on this John, have a great boating season.

Ron Otte

Veronica Irg

From: Ken Watson
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2012 8:39 AM
To: Guy Cicon; Veronica Irg
Cc: Scott Smith
Subject: RE: Commissionaires

Thanks Guy. Would you ask Veronica to advise Aaron for me that this issue will be looked at by ATC

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2012 8:16 AM
To: Veronica Irg
Cc: Ken Watson; Scott Smith
Subject: FW: Commissionaires

Hi Veronica,

Can you please put this topic on the ATC agenda and bring forward the minutes of the meeting when we last addressed the issue (about 1 – 2 years). Aaron Vissia is still not satisfied with the parking regulation. Businesses have changed in the area and we may want to look at it again.

Thanks,
Guy

From: Scott Smith
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2012 8:06 AM
To: Ken Watson
Cc: Guy Cicon
Subject: RE: Commissionaires

Hi Ken

I think this type of request would normally goes to Guy and the Traffic Advisory Committee, although Scott Kenny handled the recent changes at Harbour Quay. If any changes are made the sign would need to change and Tim H and the Commissionaires would need to be informed.

Scott Smith, MCIP
City Planner
(250) 720-2808

From: Ken Watson
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2012 5:11 PM
To: Scott Smith
Subject: RE: Commissionaires

For every happy customer there is...

I spoke to Aaron Vissia who has an investment business on lower Johnston Rd between Gertrude and Elizabeth (north side) re parking restrictions on his block. He indicated that the majority would like 2 hr rather than 1 hr. He was paying one of his clients parking tickets.

How do we normally proceed to get changes such as this made..

Ken

From: Scott Smith
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:09 PM
To: Ken Watson; Pat Deakin
Subject: FW: Commissionaires

FYI

From: Tanya Meek
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2012 1:06 PM
To: Scott Smith; Tim Hautzinger
Cc: Jane Macnaughton; Jake Martens
Subject: Commissionaires

Scott and Tim

I received a call from a business owner on Johnston Road in the Elizabeth Street area. She expressed her sincere thanks to the City staff and Commissionaires for recent increased parking control/patrol of the area. Her business has increased considerably due to customers being able to park close to her business.

Tanya