



## City of Port Alberni

# ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

**Minutes from the Meeting held Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 10:00 am**

**PRESENT:** Wilf Taekema (Director of Engineering & Public Works), Flynn Scott (Manager of Bylaw Services), Pat Dahlquist (SD#70), Peggy Gibbs (ICBC), Caroline Robinson (ICBC), Wes Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief (PAFD), Sgt Dave Boyce (RCMP), Cpl. Mike Elston (Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services) Sgt. Darrin Ramey (Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services), Phil Atkinson (Diversified Transportation), Chris Alemany (Councillor)

**REGRETS:** Ron Paulson (City Councillor), Cameron McKinnon (Diversified Transportation)

### DELEGATIONS

**Action  
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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Email from Linda requesting a crosswalk across Kendall Avenue, linking the two walkways used by school children at Wood Elementary and A.D.S.S.** Crosswalk and signage completed.
2. **Email from Gail Horvath requesting pedestrian-activated lights at the intersection of Gertrude Street and Southgate Road**  
ICBC has assisted the City with costs for traffic counts. The traffic counts have been completed and are not found to warrant the need for a crosswalk as there is another protected crosswalk one block away .However; ICBC also looked at the history of pedestrian related accidents and stated that if there is a latent pedestrian demand, or the crosswalk is required for system connectivity, they will consider contributing Road Improvement Program funding.
3. **Discussion surrounding crosswalk at Johnston Road and Ian Avenue**  
ICBC noted there were no pedestrian related accidents from 2013-2017. This intersection is under Ministry jurisdiction and Wilf is waiting on their response regarding this project. ICBC would consider contributing Road Improvement Program funding if the Ministry agrees to proceed with installation of flashing beacons.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Email from Kirk McPhail via Mayor Ruttan on March 7, 2018, expressing thanks for erecting signage and painting a crosswalk on Kendall Avenue, linking the two walkways used by school children at Wood Elementary and A.D.S.S.**
2. **Letter dated May 1, 20108 from AW Neill Parent Advisory Committee, requesting the City extend the school zone or erect another sign nearer**

**Gertrude Street. The P.A.C. is also requesting a solar powered flashing light at the crosswalk and an additional crosswalk installed near the street parking on Compton Road closer to the school building.**

A school sign has been added and the "X" is on the list to be repainted. A Google Earth review of the area was shown for additional discussion. There was a lack of clarity as to where the PAC specifically wanted the second crosswalk. Peggy discussed ICBC regulation that no two crosswalks can be within 1-200 metres of each other. Removal of current crosswalk to another area discussed but declined as current crosswalk is used by public accessing the Dyke. Some ideas included "crosswalk ahead" signage prior to curved road area. Mention that there is not a sidewalk on south side of road which is a stipulation when adding a crosswalk. A traffic count was discussed to collect further information. Pat will talk with Principal (Ron) of school for clarification of their request.

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**3. A request from Principal Rachelle Warman of John Paul II Catholic School for some changes to parking and additional crosswalks surrounding the school grounds.**

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Google Earth was utilized for a review of the area. Principal, Rachelle Warman requested a crosswalk from Maitland (field area) and a second crosswalk on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue as this is a drop-off area for students. Concerns were the lack of sidewalks in this area and a suggestion that a crosswalk across from Maitland made more sense due to the existing sidewalks. Another request was a crosswalk on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (playground area) where there is a break in the fencing, however; Peggy felt this would cause traffic to build up and create a dangerous situation for pedestrians and driver's alike. Peggy suggested that the crosswalk be placed at the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Stop sign area and a break in the fence be created there. Future development taking place in the field area sometime in the near future, also needs to be taken into consideration. Wilf will take the suggestions to John Paul Catholic School for consideration.

**4. Crosswalk at Gertrude Street and Burke Street.**

Request for a crosswalk at Burke Street. Every other major intersection along Gertrude Street has a crosswalk and Peggy feels Burke would warrant one as well. The City will install a crosswalk across Gertrude Street on the north side of Burke Street.

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**5. Vehicles not stopping at Signalized intersection at Helen Street and Johnston Road.**

This intersection changed from a pedestrian activated crosswalk to signalized approximately one year ago. It appears that vehicles may be running the red light. It was suggested that people may not be aware of the change. Mention that the crosswalk on Helen is set quite far back and cars are almost in traffic when turning right. Peggy suggested enforcement as a solution or a pedestrian countdown. Sgt. Boyce said he could possibly designate watches to enforce but unfortunately members are not left with much time in between calls for service.

**6. Phil brought up concerns over bus stop areas at Maquinna School being utilized for drop off by parents and therefore causing safety concerns for bus stop stations on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bruce Street**

Morning drop off and afternoon pick-up of students is causing congestion and blocking of the two bus stop areas. Regulations state transit is to stop only when safe to do so and with the long lines of cars, there is nowhere to safely stop within a reasonable distance from the school. Suggestions are to increase

signage at eye level and on road as well as awareness to parents through Principal presence at pick up and drop off. Flynn suggested enforcement through pictures of vehicles parked against signage resulting in a fine.

## **LATE ITEMS**

None

## **SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR 2018: October 17, 2018**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

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Scott Smith – Director of Development Services  
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