

A G E N D A

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING June 19, 2019 at 10:00 am at City Hall in the Committee Room

PRESENT: _____

A. DELEGATIONS

B. REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Discussion surrounding crosswalk at Johnston Road and Ian Avenue**
Peggy from ICBC will report if she has been able to contact the Ministry.
2. **Several suggestions for improvements by the Cycle Alberni group presentation.**
Wilf to report.

3. **Larry Ransom brought forward an email from Laurie Morphet at Alberni Elementary School on January 7, 2019 regarding traffic flow concerns at the school.** Larry to report.

4. **Councillor Paulson commented that the light at LB Woodchoppers on 3rd Avenue is a very long light which isn't warranted. There is very little traffic on the cross street there.** Wilf to report.

D NEW BUSINESS

1. **Email on March 16, 2019 from Clint Spence suggesting the City put a full page ad in the newspaper reminding the public of speed limits in our city. (Email attached.)**

2. **Email on April 17, 2019 from Jamie La Porte regarding the installation of traffic cameras at busy intersections in the city. (Email attached.)**

3. **Letter received May 3, 2019 from Frank Holm via Councillor Paulson regarding unsafe intersection at 3rd Avenue and Angus Street with a suggestion to paint STOP on the centreline's pavement ahead of the crosswalk. (Letter attached.)**

4. **Letter on May 16, 2019 from Mrs. Sheila Marshall, St. John Paul II Catholic School regarding safety concerns at the intersection of Maitland Street and 8th Avenue. (Letter attached.)**

5. **Email on May 24, 2019 from Don Steinhauer suggesting the City remove the traffic light at 3rd Avenue and Napier Street as it no longer serves its original purpose. He is also suggesting the City remove the traffic island on 10th Avenue immediately preceding the intersection at Redford Street as it serves no purpose now that the Petro Can is no longer in operation. (Email attached.)**

6. **Email on June 12, 2019 from Mae Leblanc with a suggestion to advertise the dog park off Beaver Creek Road so it is tourist-friendly and tourists can make use of it. (Email attached.)**

DISCUSSION

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING DATES:

~~July 17, 2019~~ - Cancelled

October 16, 2019

DISTRIBUTION

Councillor 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
Tim Hautzinger, Acting Manager of Bylaw Services
Willa Thorpe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Heritage
Cpl./Cap. Amelia Hayden – 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 Caroline.Robinson@icbc.com
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 dc49@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

Veronica Irg

From: Veronica Irg
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 2:38 PM
To: 'c.spenceindustries@gmail.com'
Cc: Davina Hartwell; Wilf Taekema
Subject: FW: Speeding on city side streets.

Mr. Spence,
Please be advised the April 17th Advisory Traffic Committee meeting has been postponed until Wed., June 19th, 2019 from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. In the Committee Room upstairs at City Hall.
Best regards,
Veronica

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-----Original Message-----

From: Davina Hartwell
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 9:05 AM
To: 'Clint Spence'
Cc: Veronica Irg; Wilf Taekema; Alicia Puusepp
Subject: RE: Speeding on city side streets.

Thank you Clint - I am forwarding your email to the next Advisory Traffic Committee meeting which is scheduled for April 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the Committee Room at City Hall. Representation at this Committee includes RCMP, ICBC, Fire and SD70...

Thanks for bringing forward your concerns.
Regards
Davina

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-----Original Message-----

From: Clint Spence [<mailto:c.spenceindustries@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2019 11:27 AM

To: Davina Hartwell

Subject: Speeding on city side streets.

Hello and greetings from Wilkinson rd. Myself and others from various residents across Alberni have raised some concerns about repeat offenders old and young, and the speed that they drive on our side roads. In light of the little boy who recently passed away in Nanaimo in a total freak accident in which the fellow driving the truck wasn't even speeding, myself along with other concerned tax payers believe a public reminder may have to be sent out to city wide. A suggestion might be a full page ad in the paper reminding people of the speed limit in our city side streets. It is a concern for those of us with small children, animals, and all other patrons. Thankyou for your attention to this.

Best regards, Clint Spence Sent from my iPhone

Veronica Irg

From: Flynn Scott
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 3:26 PM
To: Wilf Taekema; Veronica Irg
Cc: Davina Hartwell
Subject: FW: Traffic

Good Afternoon Wilf & Veronica,

Council passed a resolution to forward the letter below to the ATC regarding the installation of traffic cameras at busy intersections. Can you please add this letter to your upcoming agenda? Please note that the second portion of the letter (re: commercial trucks) will be discussed with Jamie, the Mayor and CAO directly.

Thank you,

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From: <jamie@dbasilencing.ca>
Date: April 17, 2019 at 10:46:06 AM PDT
To: <sharie_minions@portalberni.ca>
Cc: <cindy_solda@portalberni.ca>, <dan_washington@portalberni.ca>, <debbie_haggard@portalberni.ca>, <helen_poon@portalberni.ca>, <ron_corbeil@portalberni.ca>, <ron_paulson@portalberni.ca>
Subject: Traffic

To Port Alberni Mayor and City Council.

I would like to know what it take for the city to consider the installation of traffic cams at some of our busiest intersections (i.e.: Redford & 10th Ave, Redford and 3rd/Stamp Ave, Rogers and Stamp, and Johnson & Gertrude). These are some of the most dangerous intersections in our city. How many accident scenes could be disseminated, and studied for fault with such a system in place. There have been many accidents at these intersections, (at least one of which involved a death) and there is not always a reliable witness. This would aid the police in determining what actually happened at the scene of the accident and help provide answers to families of loved ones injured or worse.

I would also like to know when the City of Port Alberni is going to deal with the industrial road issue. There has been a large increase in commercial trucks using our municipal roads since the rail shut down. The municipal roads were never designed for such a heavy, constant usage of the roads and are deteriorating sooner than was originally anticipated. Large trucks are constantly speeding down our public roads endangering our citizens. Every day I sit in my office on 3rd Ave and see these trucks travelling our roads. The entire building shakes when these large trucks speed by, (if

they are traveling at the speed limit the building does not shake). There needs to be a better traffic control on our municipal roads. What does council have in mind for dealing with this issue?

I look forward to your answers.

Thank-you
Jamie La Porte

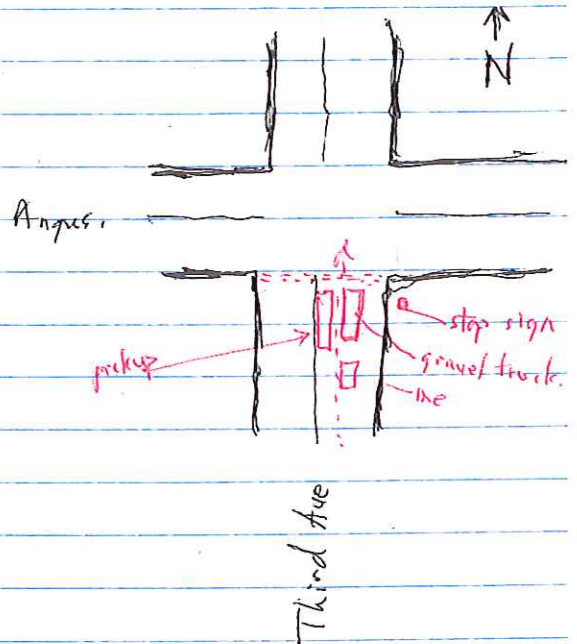
Ron - I don't know if you're still on the traffic committee, but...

I had an Oh-My-Gosh moment the other day.

I was driving northwards on Third Ave, in the curb lane.

In front of me was a tandem trailer gravel truck. In the centre lane, beside me, was a speedy Alberta pickup. He, at good speed, went right through the 4-Way Stop. Fortunately no pedestrian nor vehicle was on Angus, crossing Third. Ideally, a driver at least slows down to see why the vehicle (gravel truck) is stopped at a crosswalk/intersection. He didn't.

Then I realized that he could be at least partially excused, as the stop sign was not visible to the centre (inside) lane vehicle % the gravel truck's box. The same would be true of a cube van or moving or logging truck. At the crosswalk, maybe paint STOP on the centre lane's pavement ahead of the crosswalk.



Frank Holm

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CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

May 16, 2019

Dear Advisory Traffic Committee,

I am a teacher at St. John Paul II Catholic School. I am writing to express some safety concerns facing our school community at this time. For the past 13 years, our students and staff have crossed the road at the corner of Maitland and 8th Avenue to walk to field-trips close by. Our 115 students in Kindergarten to Grade 7 often walk to the pool, museum, library, and other destinations that are within walking distance from our school. Currently, there is no crosswalk or proper signage at the intersection closest to our school. As well, a sidewalk is missing on Maitland Street, between 8th and 9th Avenue. Due to safety concerns and issues with a neighbouring service provider, our classes are unable to travel down Maitland Street towards Wallace. This makes the route along Maitland our only choice; however, with the lack of sidewalk and crosswalk, our students and staff are at risk. Further concern comes during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. With no crosswalk or proper signage, our students and parents are at risk of being injured at the busy crossing.

Please consider adding a crosswalk, signage and sidewalk to make it safer for our staff and students when they walk and are traveling to and from school.

We appreciate all you do to keep our city safe and enjoyable. Thank-you for considering this important issue.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Sheila Marshall and the Grade 1-2 class
On behalf of all the students and staff at
St. John Paul II Catholic School - 4006 – 8th Avenue

Veronica Irg

From: Wilf Taekema
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2019 12:06 PM
To: 'Steinhauer, Donald'
Cc: Brian Mousley; Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: traffic questions

Hi Don; thanks for your email. We will consider your comments and include your email on the agenda of the next ATC meeting, scheduled for June 19th.

Regards,

Wilf Taekema

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From: Steinhauer, Donald [<mailto:Donald.Steinhauer@viha.ca>]
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2019 11:20 AM
To: Wilf Taekema
Subject: traffic questions

Hello Wilf,

I was given your name as the person to direct my questions to. I have two items I would like you to consider in the next Traffic Advisory Meeting. The first is the light at 3rd and Napier. It was installed many years ago to enable bingo players to cross 3rd Avenue safely. It served its purpose while the bingo hall was open. In my opinion, it no longer serves a purpose. It only stops traffic frequently so a single vehicle can turn left off Napier on to 3rd. I would hope that it can be looked at and removed. It smply serves no purpose anymore. There is no light at either Burde or Bute and traffic turning left still manages without problems.

The other item I would like you to look at is removing the traffic island on 10th Avenue right before the intersection at Redford. It is in front of the Safe On Foods lots and used to separate their parking lot from the Petro Can station that used to be there. There are so many cars driving north on 10th that a vehicle cannot get into the left turning lane due to the back up of cars. That island also serves no purpose anymore due to the gas staion no longer in operation. Thank you for taking these concerns into consideration.

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Veronica Irg

From: Davina Hartwell
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 11:19 AM
To: 'Mae Leblanc'
Cc: Katelyn McDougall; Pat Deakin; Wilf Taekema; Veronica Irg; 'Bill Collette'; Alicia Puusepp
Subject: RE: Around Port Alberni

Hi Mae

Many thanks for your recent letter (below) which was received by Council at their regular meeting on June 10th, 2019. Council expressed their appreciation for your input on various issues including signage and advertising various attractions. At Council's direction your letter is being forwarded to City staff (Planner/Economic Development Manager/Director of Public Works), as well as to the Chamber of Commerce and the City's Advisory Traffic Committee.

Thanks again for taking the time to express your thoughts and concerns – Council had some good discussion during their meeting which you can view on our website.

<https://www.portalberni.ca/council-agendas-minutes>

Regards
Davina



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City Council
City of Port Alberni
Argyle Street,
Port Alberni, B.C.

Dear City Council

I have some questions, suggestions for tourist Port Alberni.

First, why is there a 'no left turn' sign at Tourist Bureau on the highway to Tofino? I travel in a motor home pulling a car. It is very difficult to turn such a rig and going around the block in a semi rural area is not popular either. Could Highways make a left turn lane by widening the road? The Tourist Bureau loses all the rvs who are taking the road to Tofino. What a missed opportunity.

Second, people traveling in rvs often have dogs. We take them on the ferry where they are cooped up, then we get off the ferry and drive for another hour. Now both the dog and the people need a break. A place big enough to park an rv, a dog park and a dike walk are an rvers idea of heaven. We have all that a minute off the highway on Beaver Creek Road. Is it advertised? Not a word. Port Alberni's jewel is ignoed, unsigned. Another missed opportunity. A walk beside a lovely creek with a view of Mt Arrowsmith and a dog park. Port Alberni never seen.

Third, and last, why has Stamp Falls Park sign bben changed and now says Stamp River. The falls were still there on my last visit. My visitors from Europe and Australia have been blown away by Stamp Falls. It is a most spectacular setting, a manageable walk, and the best kept secret in the area. It has a terrific campground, washrooms, fish ladders, rushing water, still water and the most fab mossy trees after Cathedral Grove. Why don't we tell people?

I was born and raised here, I love our city, and I think we are not putting signage that encourages people to stop. They drive down Johnston Road, see the lovely river, turn right and they are on their way to the West Coast, seeing Port Alberni as only a few traffic lights on their way. We are much more than that!

Sincerely

Mae LeBlanc
Sent from my iPad