

A G E N D A

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING October 21, 2015 at 10:00 am at City Hall in the Committee Room

PRESENT: _____

A. **DELEGATIONS**

B. **REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES**

C. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Request by Jim Dyk to discuss the awkward and dangerous intersection of Warnock and Maitland Street.** Wilf to report on possibly painting stop bars and line painting improvements.

D **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request by a concerned citizen for more control at the intersection of Gertrude Street and Southgate Road. She is suggesting traffic lights to help alleviate vehicles disregarding stop signs and speeding.** (See attached email.)

2. **Request by Colin Simister for Rainbow crosswalks to show support for Port Alberni's LGBT community.** (See attached email.)

3. **Concerns by Stephen Willson of 5262 Argyle Street regarding an ongoing problem of seasonal drag racing by cars and motorcycles up the lower portion of Argyle Street. He suggested a series of speed bumps to slow traffic. (See attached email.)**

4. **Concerns by Margaret Uzelman regarding speeding traffic on Beaver Creek Road at Compton due to “slow school” signs being removed at the closure of Gill School. She suggested a flashing light crosswalk and signs erected to help with the safety of school children crossing on their way to AW Neill school. (See attached email.)**

5. **Request by William Irwin, a member of the Alberni Valley United Church, to install a designated handicapped parking spot in front of the church. (See attached letter.)**

6. **Concerns by Pat Dahlquist regarding traffic concerns at some of the schools including vehicles speeding and ignoring people in the crosswalk in front of Wood School before and after school and during ADSS lunch hour. There are also concerns with the intersection at 6th Avenue and Roger Street regarding. Request from school parents for a crosswalk to provide safety for students walking to Alberni Elementary school. (See attached email.)**

7. **Concerns by Paul Pley regarding the intersection of 10th Avenue and Maitland Street regarding northbound vehicles turning left on Maitland Street with traffic passing the vehicle on the right hand side at a crosswalk. (See attached email.)**
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8. **Request by a concerned citizen for traffic calming on Rex Road due to speeding vehicles. (See attached email.)**
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DISCUSSION

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2016:

January 20, 2016

April 20, 2016

July 20, 2016

October 19, 2016

DISTRIBUTION

Councillor Ron Paulson
Councillor Denis Sauvé (alternate)
Ken Watson - City Manager
Davina Hartwell - City Clerk
Guy Cicon - City Engineer
Wilf Taekema, Streets Superintendent
Scott Smith, City Planner
Tim Hautzinger, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Director of Parks and Recreation
Sgt. Dave Boyce – R.C.M.P.
Wes Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief - Fire Department
Pat Dahlquist, Trustee, SD 70, email agenda to wdahlqui@shaw.ca
Caroline Robinson, Road Safety Coordinator, ICBC, email agenda to Caroline.Robinson@icbc.com
Peggy Gibbs, ICBC, email agenda to margaret.gibbs@icbc.com
Eric Plumber - AV Times, email agenda news@avtimes.net
David Wiwchar, The Peak, email agenda to dwiwchar@islandradio.bc.ca
Cameron McKinnon, Diversified Transportation Ltd., email agenda to dc.m.49@hotmail.com
Phil Atkinson, Diversified Transportation Ltd., email agenda to phil@patransit.pwt.ca
Cpl. Mike Elston, Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services, email agenda to mike.elston@rcmp-grc.gc.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: Guy Cicon
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 4:17 PM
To: 'Blacknbluebabe Kat'
Cc: Veronica Irg; Wilf Taekema; Dave Paddock (david.paddock@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)
Subject: RE: Traffic Concern
Attachments: Guy Cicon Bad traffic.docx

Hi Katrina,

Thank you for your interest in traffic safety at the intersection of Gertrude and Southgate. We will forward your letter to the Advisory Traffic Committee (ATC) for their October meeting and we will get back to you.

Regards,
Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
City of Port Alberni
250 720-2838

From: Blacknbluebabe Kat [<mailto:blacknbluebabe69@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 4:06 PM
To: Guy Cicon
Subject: Traffic Concern

Hello, my name is Katrina. I have attached a letter I have written pertaining to a certain issue. Please let me know any information you may have. I am excited to make a positive change and learn a bit. Thank you!

Guy Cicon
City Engineer
City Hall, 4850 Argyle Street
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 1V8

I, Katrina Millington- Olorenshaw am writing to you today about a major traffic problem pertaining to the intersection of Gertrude St and Southgate Rd.

Over the past few months I have observed countless dangerous situations due to the high flow traffic in this area. I have come to the conclusion that having traffic lights put up, in all 4 directions would be extraordinarily beneficial, not only to traffic but the overall safety of this intersection.

Today, being July 17, 2015 after sitting astounded as to what I had been watching, I decided to watch for approximately 40 minutes; starting at about 2:10pm, to see how dangerous this intersection actually is and write down everything I noticed in that period.

In this time I saw countless amounts of vehicles disregarding stop signs, when turning right onto Gertrude St in either direction as if they were yield signs. I also saw approximately five pedestrians at separate times, barely able to cross safely while next to no vehicles stopped and drove through the intersection with zero regard for these pedestrians. Not to mention the amount of vehicles either trying to cross Gertrude St; or turn left onto Southgate Rd in either direction were faced with several blind spots and the dangers of large amounts of speeding vehicles in either direction.

The absolute most dangerous part of this intersection is the uncontrolled amount of speeding vehicles that are able to pass through between traffic lights. Being such a high traffic area for pedestrians and city transit as well, this is very terrifying and I see it on a daily basis. Even though there may be traffic lights only blocks away on either side, I feel it absolutely imperative to the safety of absolutely everyone that a traffic light, or another solution be considered for this immediate area.

I also have started speaking with random people about the topic and asking them what they thought. My one most common answer being that it has always been that bad. I am hoping to potentially meet with you and perhaps discuss this further to learn more about proper proceeding. Perhaps being able to have this on the agenda for the next council meeting in October.

Thank you for your time reading, I hope to hear from you soon on this matter.

Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:50 AM
To: Davina Hartwell
Cc: Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: Port Alberni Pride Rainbow Crosswalks

That will be fine. I will bring it to the ATC☺

Thanks
Guy

Veronica,

Can you please add the message from Collin Simister below to the next ATC.

Thanks

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
City of Port Alberni
250 720-2838

From: Davina Hartwell
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 11:33 AM
To: Guy Cicon
Subject: FW: Port Alberni Pride Rainbow Crosswalks

Guy – motion will be to refer to Engineer for report. Ken was here and he talked about following UTCD standards that would preclude this.
D.

From: Davina Hartwell
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:49 AM
To: Tanis Feltrin; Holly Garrett
Cc: Guy Cicon; Ken Watson
Subject: FW: Port Alberni Pride Rainbow Crosswalks

Tanis/Holly – Corresp for Action

Guy – recommendation? Would this be referred to ATC??
D.

From: Sharie Minions
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:47 AM
To: Davina Hartwell
Subject: Fwd: Port Alberni Pride Rainbow Crosswalks

Hi Davina, could you add this to the agenda for Monday?

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Colin Simister <colin.simister22@gmail.com>

Date: August 5, 2015 at 6:08:15 PM PDT

To: <Sharie_minions@portalberni.ca>

Subject: Port Alberni Pride Rainbow Crosswalks

Hello City Council,

My name is Colin Simister I planned the local Port Alberni First Annual Pride event. It was a huge success and I want to thank council for all the support you gave.

I wanted to bring the idea of rainbow crosswalks to your attention. Port Alberni is one of the few places on the island that don't have rainbow crosswalks. The idea of rainbow crosswalks is popping up a lot more such as Vancouver, Victoria, and now Nanaimo has started to get them. It would be a great way for the City to show Port Alberni's LGBT community that the city supports all year round not only for a pride event. It would also create a attraction for tourists. I was thinking the could be along third ave between Zellers and Aryle.

I hope council decided to take this great step to supporting our LGBT community of Port Alberni.

Thank you.

Colin Simister Port Alberni Pride.

Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 3:26 PM
To: Veronica Irg
Subject: FW: Argyle st repaving

For next ATC please.

Thanks,
Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
City of Port Alberni
250 720-2838

From: S W [<mailto:kjam@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 8:56 AM
To: Guy Cicon
Subject: RE: Argyle st repaving

Good morning, My name is Stephen Willson, I live at 5262 Argyle St, right across the street from the site of the new building project. I think most everyone in this building is quite excited about this project. It certainly will help to further enhance this waterfront area. Some of us in this building have spoken to the former mayor and current mayor about the on-going problem of summer time drag-racing with cars and motorcycles up the lower portion of Argyle St. Not to mention the Very loud noise from burn-outs and loud mufflers, I thought there was laws against this. The city is ignoring our complaints. It is only a matter of time until some one gets injured, there are many people living in this area now, and more to come with the completion of the new building, If the city wants to continue to revitalize this area, you must take this issue seriously, Since you are about to repave this area, I'am proposing that you build a series of speed bumps from the other side of the tracks to 1 st ave.. to slow these people down, and start enforcing some noise by-laws. Except for the city bus, there is very little commercial truck traffic on Argyle St. We can put up with the noise of the annual toy run, its only once a year, and it helps the children. We hope you take our complaint seriously, thank-you for your attention to this matter.

Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 12:17 PM
To: 'uzelman'
Cc: Veronica Irg; Wilf Taekema
Subject: Crosswalk Beaver Creek Road and Compton.

Hello Margaret,

You are right, the dynamic of vehicles and pedestrians has changed as a result of the SD70 shift from Gill School to AW Neil.

We will raise this at our next Advisory Traffic Committee.

Can you please pass me your phone number and we can talk about it more. I would like to get a feel for the numbers of pedestrians, times of crossing, and age of children.....

It will be a good discussion point with the ATC.

Thanks

Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
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-----Original Message-----

From: uzelman [<mailto:marelmer@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 10:12 AM
To: Guy Cicon
Subject: Crosswalk

Hello Mr. Cicon,

My grandchildren live on Mary street and need to cross Beaver Creek road from the Donkey Trail to Compton in order to walk to AW Neill school.

Since the 'slow school' signs have been removed from Gill school, I've seen vehicles come over the hill toward Compton almost air born.

They would never be able to stop quick enough to avoid hitting children in that short distance, after they see them. I fear for all the children that must cross there. There should be a flashing light crosswalk and signs erected in that area. The traffic is very heavy there before and after school.

Margret Uzelman

Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 2:10 PM
To: 'S W'
Cc: Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: Argyle st repaving

Hi Stephen,

It is still on the ATC agenda☺

Thanks,
Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
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From: S W [<mailto:kjam@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 1:51 PM
To: Guy Cicon
Subject: Re: Argyle st repaving

Hello Guy , Now that the work on Argyle is well along, I hope that Advisory Traffic Committee has given very serious consideration to our request for some sort of traffic slowing devices, or speed bumps to be installed on the upward portion of Argyle St. between Kingsway and 1st Ave. This is the worst portion, as they start slowing down for the lites on 3rd. Its a drag strip all summer long and the noise is unacceptable. as I said before. I have nothing against classic cars but they must have some consideration for the people living in this area, With the completion of the new building on the old somass location, there will be more folks moving into this area, and we plan on speaking to the 1st nations people about this issue. Thank-you for your attention to this matter.....Stephen Willson

From: "Guy Cicon" <guy_cicon@portalberni.ca>
To: "S W" <kjam@shaw.ca>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2015 3:27:51 PM
Subject: RE: Argyle st repaving

Hello Stephen,
We will consider at our next Advisory Traffic Meeting.
Thank you for your comments,
Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
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From: S W [<mailto:kjam@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 8:56 AM

To: Guy Cicon

Subject: RE: Argyle st repaving

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Traffic Committee

October 8, 2015

My name is William Irwin and I am a member of Alberni Valley United Church. I have been asked to inquire as to whether it would be possible for the City to put in a handicapped designated parking spot. We have two spots in front of the Church that have a depressed sidewalk. What we would like is for the more eastern one to become a dedicated handicap spot.

What we need to know is:

- a. is it possible to get the city to paint in such an area?
- b. Will there be a cost to the Church?

I can be contacted at :

weirwin@telus.net or 250 723 9617

Thank you,



William Irwin

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Veronica Irg

From: Pat Dahlquist <wdahlqui@shaw.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 3:49 PM
To: Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: Advisory Traffic Committee Meeting has been CANCELLED for Wed., Oct 21st and REBOOKED for Wed., Nov 4th

I am disappointed this meeting has also been cancelled. I rescheduled my holiday to take in Oct 21 meeting. These are a few concerns to be put on the agenda

Alberni Elementary – 11/9/15 – The city put up no parking signs along Johnston 8-5 on school days so parents are not allowed to drop off children on a busy highway (SMART and long overdue) The city also put up 30 min. parking signs along the school field side of Helen St. Parents are initially annoyed on Alberni Elem. PAC facebook but have heard no other complaints

Wood Elementary - 16/09/15 – complaints of some high school students driving fast and ignoring people in the crosswalk in front of Wood school, typically before school 8:20-9:00. Also some traffic concerns during ADSS lunch hour along Wood Ave. Teachers taking license plate numbers and given to liaison officer

Larry Ransom (Trustee) received a concern from parents – inquiring about the practicality of a new crosswalk at 6th Ave and Roger St. This is to provide students walking to Alberni Elementary from the south side of Roger St safer access to the North side of Roger St. Apparently the south side of Roger is not a safe walk between 6th Ave and Stamp Ave intersection

Greg Smyth, superintendent of SD70 – has a great concern of the same intersection, 6th and Roger, several motor vehicle accidents have occurred on that corner, at least 3 in the last few months.

Thank you – Pat Dahlquist, trustee

From: Veronica Irg [mailto:veronica_irg@portalberni.ca]
Sent: October-13-15 12:47 PM
To: Bill Brown (billtbrown@shaw.ca) <billtbrown@shaw.ca>; Cam McKinnon (dcm.49@hotmail.com) <dcm.49@hotmail.com>; Caroline Robinson (Caroline.Robinson@icbc.com) <Caroline.Robinson@icbc.com>; Cpl. Mike Elston (mike.elston@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) <mike.elston@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; David Wiwchar (dwiwchar@islandradio.bc.ca) <dwiwchar@islandradio.bc.ca>; Davina Hartwell <davina_hartwell@portalberni.ca>; Denis Sauve <denis_sauve@portalberni.ca>; Eric Plumber (news@avtimes.net) <news@avtimes.net>; Guy Cicon <guy_cicon@portalberni.ca>; Ken Watson <ken_watson@portalberni.ca>; Kevin Head (kevin.head@gmail.com) <kevin.head@gmail.com>; Pat Dahlquist (wdahlqui@shaw.ca) <wdahlqui@shaw.ca>; Peggy Gibbs (margaret.gibbs@icbc.com) <margaret.gibbs@icbc.com>; Phil Atkinson (phil@patransit.pwt.ca) <phil@patransit.pwt.ca>; Ron Paulson <ron_paulson@portalberni.ca>; Scott Smith <scott_smith@portalberni.ca>; Sgt. Darrin Ramey (darrin.ramey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) <darrin.ramey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Sgt. Dave Boyce - RCMP (DAVE.BOYCE@rcmp-grc.gc.ca) <DAVE.BOYCE@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Tim Hautzinger <tim_hautzinger@portalberni.ca>; Wilf Taekema <wilf_taekema@portalberni.ca>
Subject: Advisory Traffic Committee Meeting has been CANCELLED for Wed., Oct 21st and REBOOKED for Wed., Nov 4th

Hello all,
Guy and Wilf will both be out of town at a Conference so we've had to reschedule the meeting.
Hope you all can still attend. I will be sending out the Agenda shortly.
Thanks and have a great day,
Veronica

Veronica Irg, Engineering Clerk
City of Port Alberni, 4850 Argyle St., Port Alberni, BC V9Y 1V8

Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 10:17 AM
To: Wilf Taekema; Ken Watson
Cc: Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: 10th ave traffic

Hi Wilf,

We will add it to the ATC agenda for discussion. Good plan.

ThanksGuy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
City of Port Alberni
250 720-2838

From: Wilf Taekema
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 9:02 AM
To: Ken Watson
Cc: Guy Cicon
Subject: RE: 10th ave traffic

Good morning Ken;

Along 10th Ave we have four intersection traffic configurations (for those with four legs)....

- **Signalized** (Roger, Wallace, Redford),
- **Four-way stop** (Argyle),
- **Unsignalized with left turn slots** (Bute, Burde, Dunbar), and
- **Unsignalized without left turn slots** (Hollywood, Cedarwood, **Maitland**, Morton, China Ck, Melrose, Bruce, Neill).

Maitland and 10th is likely the busiest unsignalized intersection without left turn slots along 10th Ave, although China Ck would be close in my opinion and has crosswalks on the north and south. Regardless of left turn slots, drivers passing along the right of turning vehicles need to be aware of pedestrians whether in crosswalks or not.

10th Ave width at 16 m would allow for provision of left turn slots but it may also impact parking on 10th Ave near the intersection.

We could bring this up at the next Advisory Traffic Committee meeting on November 4th.

Regards,

Wilf Taekema
Streets Superintendent
City of Port Alberni
Bus: 250-720-2845
Cell: 250-206-0047

From: Ken Watson
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 2:43 PM
To: Guy Cicon; Wilf Taekema
Cc: Denis Sauve; Paul G Pley
Subject: RE: 10th ave traffic

Guy and Wilf,

Will you please have a look at this concern and advise.

Ken Watson

From: Denis Sauve
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 12:39 PM
To: Paul G Pley
Cc: Ken Watson
Subject: Re: 10th ave traffic

Sent from my Samsung device

----- Original message -----

From: Paul G Pley <paulgpley@yahoo.com>
Date: 10-13-2015 12:27 (GMT-08:00)
To: Denis Sauve <denis_sauve@portalberni.ca>
Subject: 10th ave traffic

Denis

I do not know who to contact but council should have a look at 10th Ave traffic flow by Nexcar Sales Ltd.

When a vehicle waits to turn left onto Maitland, traffic always passes on the right side while the vehicle is waiting to turn. It would not be so bad but there is a crosswalk on the otherside of the intersection. If there was a pedestrian in that crosswalk, they would be hit instantly.

Going south on tenth, there is no crosswalk, so if they did that same stunt heading that way, there would be no incident

This should be looked at asap

Thank you

Paul G Pley

Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 8:32 AM
To: Ken Watson; Wilf Taekema; Mac B. Richards
Cc: Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: Speed Bumps Rex Road

Will add to the AT C agenda also.

Thanks,
Guy

Guy Cicon, P.Eng,
City Engineer
City of Port Alberni
250 720-2838

From: Ken Watson
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 8:29 AM
To: Guy Cicon; Wilf Taekema; Mac B. Richards
Subject: FW: Speed Bumps Rex Road

Hi Guy , Wilf and Mac,

See attached email from Mayor Ruttan about speeding on Rex Road.

Mac, can you direct some attention to speed enforcement in that area?

Guy and Wilf can you investigate the situation and determine if some traffic calming devices are desirable including the consideration of speed bumps.

Could go to upcoming ATC agenda f you like.

Thanks
Ken

From: Mike Ruttan
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2015 4:43 PM
To: Ken Watson
Subject: Speed Bumps Rex Road

Hi Ken,

What would it take to get a couple of speed bumps installed on Rex Road? I had a resident complain to me that people are using as a thoroughfare and just racing through.

Mike

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.