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ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING October 15, 2014 at 10:00 am at City Hall in the Committee Room

PRESENT: _____

A. DELEGATIONS

B. REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request expressed by G. Priest regarding an “advanced green” at the Tim Horton’s intersection at Johnston Rd and Helen St. (See attached email.)**

2. **Request by City Council regarding a left turn signal at the lights at the intersection of Johnston Rd and Cherry Creek Road. (See attached email.)**

3. **Request by a member of the public to discuss parking on Gertrude Street in front of the Dolce Vita mall.**

4. **Request by Bob Kanngiesser regarding removing the 2 crosswalks on Burde Street in front of the former highschool. He would also like to request that the 4-way stop at Burde St and Estevan Drive be converted to a two-way stop.**
(See attached email.)
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5. **A recent request by the City Engineer for David Street residents to parallel park has some opposition from two residents.** (See attached letter.)
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DISCUSSION

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2015:

January 21, 2015
April 15, 2015
July 15, 2015
October 21, 2015

DISTRIBUTION

Councillor Hira Chopra
Councillor Jack McLeman (alternate)
Ken Watson - City Manager
Davina Hartwell - City Clerk
Guy Cicon - City Engineer
Wilf Taekema, Streets Superintendent
Scott Smith, Planner
Tim Hautzinger, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Scott Kenny, Director of Parks and Recreation
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Bill Brown – cyclist, email agenda to biltbrown@shaw.ca
Kevin Head – cyclist, email agenda to kevin.head@gmail.com

Subject: Re: Correspondence (Road safety on main corridors in Port Alberni)

From: GP <gpriest@shaw.ca>

Date: 07/08/2014 10:58 AM

To: guy.cicon@portalberni.ca

RECEIVED

AUG 08 2014

CITY OF PORT ALBERNI

Good morning Mr. Cicon:

Your reply is appreciated, with respect to the Traffic Advisory Committee as well. Personally, I have observed more RCMP vehicles as well as motorcycle on the Johnston road corridor recently. With the limited personnel of RCMP officers, it is understandable that other duties, and emergencies must be priority.

As we near the middle of August, with prospects of schools returning in September, our city will have at least another 10-11 weeks of heavy traffic on both corridors. Four out of five times I last drove Johnston road during business hours, the west bound traffic was backed up two blocks at least from Gertrude, AND the vehicles blocked intersections at Elizabeth, and Alberni Elementary, as they faced the lights at Gertrude/Johnston. Things like blind spots from vehicle lineups, near cross walks, driveway or business entrances, are created. Worst times for traffic are 11am to 5 pm, daily except Sundays.

Your position of employment, along with the responsibility is not one I would be envious of. However, unless I bring up hazards that I do see, with hopes someone else in a proper position can assist with, I would feel very guilty, and sad, if an accident or death occurs, and I had NOT said anything about these hazards.

With over 40 years of driving all configurations, all across Canada and USA, please know, I did not bring this topic of road safety up, without serious thought.

Regards, G Priest.

*P.S. As an "afterthought" -
With the traffic lights at Tim Horton's corner
already there, how about an "advanced green"
North to South - South to North or advancing the
light changes similar to those at Cherry Creek road.
By making the lights change, quicker, would it not
help break up long lineups of traffic? Probably not
expensive to do so, and effects are evident immediately.
Just a thought*

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To: Mayor, City council members
4850 Argyle Street
Port Alberni, BC

RE: ROAD SAFETY ON MAIN CORRIDORS IN PORT ALBERNI.

Two main problem corridors with increased traffic between @ 11am through to 6pm are:

JOHNSTON ROAD:

West bound traffic on this corridor during the above mentioned hours. Increased numbers of tractor trailer, tourist units, highway traffic, as well as local residents who avoid the construction site, at Roger Creek, by using Johnston road.

Problems include excessive speeding, disregard for blind spots at intersections, pedestrians wishing to use crosswalks, parents arriving/departing the elementary school collecting their children. From the elementary school west bound on Johnston Road, is approx. 3 blocks to the traffic lights at Gertrude/Johnston. Often, it can be difficult to move to the inside lane prior the traffic lights, in preparation for a left turn onto Gertrude.

REDFORD STREET:

As many tractor trailers use THIS corridor to enter or leave the city, the outside lane both east and west can be slower. Many times during the peak traffic times of @ 11am to 6 pm, vehicles seem to travel well above the speed limit to out manoeuvre others, often without signalling. Crosswalks near Scotia bank, 15th Ave, and Wood Ave, can be risky to cross during these times.

ROGER STREET:

With the new high school in this vicinity, west bound traffic has increased substantially, and crosswalks may be risky at times.

Summary:

By putting concerns in print, I wish to ask city council, as well as the police enforcement, if it would be possible to develop and implement a regular traffic detail to focus on city traffic. Vehicle checks, or citations where warranted, as well as the increased visibility of enforcement people, could help make Port Alberni streets safe. Many people enjoy walking, and seniors, or youths that wear music headsets or use skateboards, would appreciate motorists who drive safely and are alert for hazards.

If this letter is open to public, I would ask that my name, address be withheld.

G Priest
3624 Hillgrass Place
Port Alberni

June 15th, 2014.

Veronica Irg

From: Davina Hartwell
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 2:59 PM
To: Veronica Irg; Guy Cicon
Subject: ATC

Just a reminder of Council's request to put the issue of a left turn signal at the lights on Johnston/Cherry Creek on the next ATC agenda ...
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Veronica Irg

From: Guy Cicon
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 2:09 PM
To: 'jeanbob@telus.net'
Cc: Ken Watson; Veronica Irg
Subject: RE: Traffic Signs on Burde Street

Hi Bob,

Thank you for the discussion today, on your message from June. I do remember looking into it and then forgetting to get back to you, sorry about that.

I will put your concerns forward to our October Advisory Traffic Committee meeting and will get back to you.

Regards,

Guy

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

From: Ken Watson
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 1:19 PM
To: Guy Cicon
Subject: FW: Traffic Signs on Burde Street

Guy,

Can you please respond to Bob Kanngiesser regarding this issue. If he did email you in June could you also please apologize for the delay in response.

Thanks
Ken

From: Bob & Jean [mailto:jeanbob@telus.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 1:02 PM
To: guy_cicon@portalberni.com
Cc: Ken Watson
Subject: Traffic Signs on Burde Street

This original message was sent June 25th. I am resending as there has been neither a reaction nor a reply.

Bob

Hello Guy,

Now that the former ADSS on Burde street is closed and about 90% demolished, is it timely to remove the 2 crosswalks on Burde in front of the school?

Also, can the 4 way stop at Burde and Estevan now be converted to a two way stop for north and south bound Estevan streets and leave Burde street without a stop east and west?

Bob Kanngiesser
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August 15, 2014

Dear Resident – 4800 Block David Street

The City has recently assessed the on-street parking in the 4800 block of David Street due to traffic and pedestrian safety concerns. The road right-of-way is not wide enough to safely allow angle parking and safe passage of vehicles. We recognize it is a low-volume residential street, but the risk of an accident is too high.

We have consulted with some of the residents on the matter and will be implementing parallel parking on the 4800 block of David Street.

We appreciate your understanding on this safety concern.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Regards,

CITY OF PORT ALBERNI
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