



City of Port Alberni

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from the Meeting held Wed., October 16th, 2013 at 10:00 am

PRESENT: Guy Cicon - Chair, Randy Fraser (City of PA), Pat Dahlquist (SD#70), Cameron McKinnon (Diversified Transportation), Sgt. Dave Paddock (RCMP), Cpl. Mike Elston (CVITS), Constable Craig Schnablegger (CVITS), Caroline Robinson (ICBC), Chris Jancowski (Firehall)

REGRETS: Rob Cole (ICBC), Warren Lauder (HFN)

DELEGATIONS

**Action
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **A letter was received by Mayor and Council from Warren Lauder, Councillor for Hupacasath First Nation, expressing concern regarding increased traffic on nearby residential streets; especially industrial truck traffic.**

Warren Lauder was unable to attend the meeting and sent his regrets. The Committee further discussed the route trucks take when fueling up at the Co-op on Beaver Creek Road. After fueling the trucks take Indian Avenue, Josephine Street or Compton Road, as they cannot make a left turn out of the Co-op back onto Beaver Creek Road. Another concern is the acute angle corner off Beaver Creek Road on to Compton Road. The City will investigate the location of speed signs, monitor truck traffic volumes and investigate sidewalk options (paved walkway) with Warren Lauder and report back to the next Advisory Traffic Committee meeting.

GC/RF

NEW BUSINESS

1. **A letter was received by Mayor and Council from Lyle Pitts expressing concern for traffic safety on River Road with respect to two vehicles travelling side by side and at the corner of Falls Road.**

GC/RF

The Committee discussed the concern that drivers may perceive River Road to be a four-lane road due to its width. Pavement lane markings represent the road as a two lane Highway. Painting a solid white fog line indicating a shoulder would help delineate the single lane roadway better and provide protection for parking and cyclists. Hash marks would be painted for the transit bus. As River Road is a Provincial Highway, Guy Cicon will raise the matter with the Ministry of Transportation. The road marking may be eligible for ICBC funding.

The suggestion for a convex mirror was considered at the corner of Falls Road and River Road. The Ministry of Transportation is also aware of the short sight lines at this intersection. In this location, a mirror is not recognized as a general traffic safety application and would be confusing to many drivers as distances are distorted. The intersection is recognized as one where extra caution is required by the driver when entering the highway.

DISCUSSION

Some general discussion took place around the intersection of Johnston Road and Elizabeth Street. The intersection is known to back-up, causing concern for pedestrians crossing Johnston Road. Would there be a benefit if another painted crosswalk was installed on the east side of Elizabeth Street or would it be better to relocate it? Mike Elston will be making some observations of the intersection and report back.

PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2014:

January 15, 2014
April 16, 2014
July 16, 2014
October 15, 2014

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

DISTRIBUTION

Council
Ken Watson - City Manager
Davina Sparrow - City Clerk
Guy Cicon - City Engineer
Randy Fraser - Streets Superintendent
Scott Smith - City Planner
Tim Hautzinger - Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Scott Kenny - Director of Parks and Recreation
Sgt. Dave Paddock – RCMP
Deputy Fire Chief Chris Jancowski - Fire Department
Pat Dahlquist - Trustee, SD 70, email agenda to wdahlqui@shaw.ca
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Cameron McKinnon - Diversified Transportation Ltd., email agenda to dcm.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. Joe Schofield, Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services, email agenda to joe.schofield@rcmp-grc.gc.ca
Bill Brown – cyclist, email agenda to billtbrown@shaw.ca
Kevin Head – cyclist, email agenda to kevin.head@gmail.com

ADDRESSED
AT OCT-16./13

From: LYLE PITTS
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2013 4:41 PM
To: John Douglas
Reply To: LYLE PITTS
Subject: River Road Enhancement

Dear John (tehe), I have noticed on my several trips along River Road that some of the people residing along River Road have taken it upon themselves to clear or clean up the river side parts of their properties allowing visual access to the Somass River. My interest is, it is a gateway to our community and would add yet another asset (visually) to the entrance to our Town. This would be made possible by the clean up, trimming, removal of lower limbs, ground cover and debris from the river side of the road. No removal of larger shrubs, trees, structures (Gazebos, Decks, Docks), would be needed. Just the removal of limbs, perhaps to the ten or twelve foot mark would be enough to allow this vision. Some incentive to the residents may be made available such as equipment usage and debris removal or shredding. I know I'm not alone in the thoughts of this being a plus as far as sending a message to the many travelers going THROUGH our Town that maybe this wouldn't be a bad place to visit, stay, shop, or even buy. Another issue I have been made aware of is that Visitors to our community via River Road are of the impression that River Road is a Four Lane highway. I have been traveling along Highway 4 (River Road), and been passed on both the left and the right. I have also viewed two vehicles traveling side by side as they go THROUGH our town on this road. A sign stating that it (River Road/ Hwy 4) is a single lane roadway, may stop this activity in the name of safety. While on the subject of safety, the corner of Falls St. and River Road/Hwy4/Pacific Rim Hwy at the Orange/Grey Bridge could use a Convex Mirror mounted on the pole across from the intersection, allowing a better, safer view onto the bridge during daylight hours of oncoming traffic as they travel THROUGH our town, maybe stopping to look at our newly enhanced view of the Somass River. It doesn't seem to be an issue during the after dusk hours because headlights are visible as drivers look in the direction of the Bridge. I am aware you have plenty on your plate but thought I'd offer a couple side dishes and possibly dessert.

Regards etc. Lyle Pitts

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A GENERAL
TRAFFIC APPLICATION -
RECOGNIZE THAT
IT IS A CHALLENGE FOR
INTERSECTION FOR SIGHT
O.D.M.
- HIGHER SPEEDS
- WIDTH FOR ENFORCEMENT
- WHITE FOG LINE FOR EFFECTIVE TRAVEL
- NORTH FORT WATERFRONT
- BUS ACCESS HAS MARKS
- IMPROVED CYCLING ACCESS
- ICBC - ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Keep this
letter for
our records
Guy

E.S.