



City of Port Alberni

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes from the Meeting held Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 10:00 am

PRESENT: Scott Smith, City Planner - Chair, Wilf Taekema, Streets Superintendent, Ron Paulsen (City Councillor), Cameron McKinnon (Diversified Transportation), Phil Atkinson (Diversified Transportation), Pat Dahlquist (SD#70), Caroline Robinson (ICBC), Peggy Gibbs (ICBC), Sgt. Dave Boyce (RCMP), Cst. Tamara Aquilini, (Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services)

REGRETS: Cpl. Mike Elston (Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services), Sgt. Darrin Ramey (Central Vanc. Island Traffic Services), Wes Patterson, Deputy Fire Chief (PAFD)

DELEGATIONS

Action
By

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Request by Pat Dahlquist for a sidewalk for walking on Compton Road in front of AW Neill Elementary School.** City Council has since received a request from the Principal of AW Neill to have the ditch filled in and create more parking. Council has referred the request to staff for cost estimates and design for the 2017 budget. This will likely be a phased project. WT
2. **Request from a member of the public for a deer crossing at 4026 Johnston Road.** The Ministry of Transportation would support the City installing "Expect Deer on Your Roads" signage at entrance points to the community. Peggy will meet with Bob Weir, Director of Engineering in Qualicum and will report back any information he can give as to what the Town of Qualicum Beach has done to alleviate this issue. WT
3. **Concern expressed by Jessie McKay to Councillor Paulson, regarding speeding drivers through our school zones – Wood Elementary in particular.** Speedwatch volunteers have been patrolling the area and have mailed out a large number of warning letters to speeders. The Committee suggested a 4-way stop may be warranted at the intersection of Wallace Street and Wood Avenue. Peggy will run a preliminary warrant for the intersection and will report back. Sgt. Dave Boyce will report on any traffic counts taken by Speedwatch recently. It was mentioned that there is a sightline issue caused by a hedge on private property at the southeast corner of the intersection that should be investigated as well. WT
4. **Request by Julia Payne for a crosswalk on River Road by Riverbend Park.** The Ministry of Transportation will investigate a pedestrian-activated crosswalk at the Park. It appears sightlines would be adequate. The Ministry will review, examine and report whether they're prepared to support a crosswalk at the Park or another location. WT

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request by that Municipal Governments in BC consider increased safety initiatives for senior pedestrians was received and referred to the Advisory Traffic Committee by City Council.** The Committee discussed that the City has made some significant improvements over time such as audible signals etc. ICBC can supply us with a tremendous amount of educational information that can be used on our website. There is an ICBC pedestrian campaign on currently. Councillor Paulsen suggested that the City make sure crosswalk lines and signage near seniors' centres are continually maintained. WT
2. **Request from a concerned citizen regarding truck traffic using 3rd Avenue, failing to stop at the 4-way stop sign at the Angus Street intersection.** The RCMP reports that they are receiving the same complaints as the City and ICBC reports crash data at this intersection from 2011-2015 indicates only 3 intersection-related crashes and none speed-related. The City will continue to monitor and the Manager of Operations will investigate the cost of hanging 4-way flashing lights or some other option to draw attention to the stop signs. WT
3. **Request from a concerned citizen regarding unclear right-of-way at the intersection of Chapman Road and Pierce Road.** ICBC reports no crashes at this intersection between 2011-2015. The City will paint a centreline on the road around the corner onto Chapman Road to show that Chapman Road traffic has the right of way. Temporary tape will be used immediately until the lines can be painted. WT

LATE ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION

1. Caroline reported on ICBC's Pedestrian Campaign and Distracted Driving and Campaign
2. Cam reported that the new bike lanes are a positive addition to City streets
3. John Mayba, Chair, Cycling Alberni asked if he could make a presentation at the next Advisory Traffic Committee meeting. He reported that the cycling community is generally happy with the new bike lanes and they have brought more awareness to cycling. This is a huge education issue. Caroline also reminded that there are partnerships available with ICBC for "Share the Road" educational materials.
4. Wilf commented on a concern from a homeowner about the large volumes of traffic generated from special events in the Echo Centre area. The Committee determined that there is no solution at this time. Wilf reported that the ICBC-funded "end of school zone" signs have been installed on the backs of all school zone signs. Wilf also reported that the City is currently replacing all City-owned streetlights with LED lights.
5. Peggy reported that there is up-to-date ICBC crash data available to municipalities. The City must sign a confidentiality agreement and then will be mailed a CD with the database information from ICBC.

NEXT PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2017:

January 18, 2017

April 19, 2017

July 19, 2017

October 18, 2017

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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October 24, 2016

Lucie Jackson
Port Alberni BC

Email: ljackson1167@gmail.com

Dear Lucie,

Re: Concerns regarding truck traffic at intersection of 3rd Avenue and Angus Street

Thank you for your email received August 17, 2016 with regards to your concern about big trucks not realizing there is a 4-way stop at the intersection of 3rd Avenue and Angus Street.

On Wednesday, October 19th, 2016 the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns. ICBC crash data at this intersection from 2011-2015 indicates three intersection-related crashes and none related to speed. The Committee recommended that the City continue to monitor this intersection and the Manager of Operations will investigate the cost of hanging 4-way flashing lights or some other option to draw attention to the stop signs.

I appreciate your concern on this matter. Please call me if you have any further questions.

Yours truly,

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Kathy Krznaric
5844 Pierce Road
Port Alberni BC
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Dear Kathy,

Re: Concerns regarding truck traffic at intersection of Pierce Road and Chapman Road

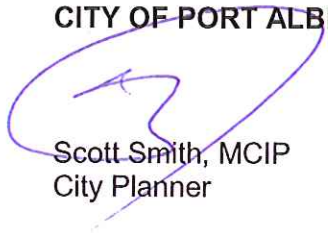
Thank you for your letter received October 12, 2016 with regards to your concern that the right-of-way is unclear at the intersection of Pierce Road and Chapman Road.

On Wednesday, October 19th, 2016 the Advisory Traffic Committee met and reviewed your concerns. ICBC crash data from 2011-2015 indicates no crashes at this intersection. The Committee recommended that the City paint a centerline on the road around the corner onto Chapman Road to show that Chapman Road traffic has the right of way. Temporary tape will be used immediately until the lines can be painted.

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