

A G E N D A

ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

**October 19, 2016 at 10:00 am
at City Hall in the Committee Room**

PRESENT: _____

A. DELEGATIONS

B. REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Request by Pat Dahlquist for a sidewalk for walking on Compton Road in front of AW Neill Elementary school. (Wilf to report)**

- 2. Request from a member of the public for a deer crossing at 4026 Johnston Road. (Forwarded to Ministry of Transportation for October 17th meeting)**

- 3. Concern expressed by Jessie McKay to Councillor Paulson, regarding speeding drivers through our school zones – Wood Elementary in particular. His suggestion is to install speed bumps. (Wilf to report)**

- 4. Request by Julia Payne for a crosswalk on River Road by Riverbend Park (Ministry of Transportation to run a warrant)**

D **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request that Municipal Governments in BC consider increased safety initiatives for senior pedestrians was received and referred to the Advisory Traffic Committee by City Council.** (See attachment)

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.** (See attached email)

3. **Request from a concerned citizen regarding unclear right-of-way at the intersection of Chapman Road and Pierce Road.** (See attached letter)

DISCUSSION

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2017:

January 18, 2017
April 19, 2017
July 19, 2017
October 18, 2017

DISTRIBUTION

Councillor Ron Paulson
Councillor Denis Sauvé (alternate)
Tim Pley –City Manager
Davina Hartwell - City Clerk
City Engineer
Wilf Taekema, Manager of Operations
Scott Smith, City Planner
Tim Hautzinger, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Theresa Kingston, Director of Community Services
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
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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



OFFICE OF THE
SENIORS ADVOCATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA

July 15, 2016

Ref: 302679
Sent by email only

To All Mayors and Councils in BC

Dear Mayor and Council,

As British Columbia's Seniors Advocate, I am writing to all municipal governments in BC asking for consideration of increased safety initiatives targeted at senior pedestrians, including the lowering of speed limits in appropriate areas.

My colleague Dr. Perry Kendall, Provincial Health Officer highlighted the vulnerability of senior pedestrians in his report, *Where Rubber Meets the Road: Reducing the Impact of Motor Vehicle Crashes on Health and Well-being in BC*. This report points out that there were 2,200 motor vehicle accidents involving at least one pedestrian in BC in 2013. These resulted in 2,300 injured pedestrians and 52 pedestrian fatalities.

Dr. Kendall's report further highlights the fatality rate for pedestrians aged 76 and up is more than twice the MVC fatality rate for pedestrians 66-75 and that overall, those over 76 had the highest rate of fatalities per 100,000 population. Dr. Kendall found that there were a number of contributing factors that cause these accidents, including pedestrian error or confusion (31%), distraction on the part of the driver or pedestrian (29.3%), alcohol (19%), driver failing to yield the right of way (9.5%), and speed (8.8%). The impact of these pedestrian accidents to the individual, their families and the system at large is obviously significant. In the case of seniors, injury is much more likely to lead to a permanent decrease in overall function.

As the Office of the Seniors Advocate continues to monitor transportation issues relating to seniors, I would like to personally encourage you to consider pedestrian-focused enhancements in your communities that help ensure the safety of older citizens is a priority and these enhancements include: mechanisms to decrease crossing distances, increasing crossing times, improving pedestrian lighting, and modifying roadways, especially intersections, where most pedestrian accidents occur.

Appropriate speed limits must also be a priority, particularly in areas that have a high number of pedestrians. Research shows that pedestrians have a 10% risk of dying when hit at 30 kilometres per hour, but an 80% risk of dying when hit at 50 kilometres per hour.

The continued education of both drivers and pedestrians is something I will continue to encourage. Age-friendly initiatives should continue to focus on as much safe pedestrian access as possible, ultimately improving the overall health and well-being of our elderly population.

I look forward to your continued collaboration on this most important issue.

Sincerely,

Isobel Mackenzie
Seniors Advocate

pc: Dr Perry Kendall
Honourable Terry Lake
Stephen Brown

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Veronica Irg

From: Davina Hartwell
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 2:58 PM
To: Veronica Irg
Subject: FW: Concerned citizen

Hi Veronica
For next ATC meeting :)
Davina

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

From: Timothy Pley
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 2:57 PM
To: Davina Hartwell; Wilf Taekema; Brian HUNTER (Brian.HUNTER@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)
Subject: RE: Concerned citizen

I think that ATC is the right place to consider the request. I have copied Brian Hunter for his awareness. There may be an enforcement aspect to this as well.
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-----Original Message-----

From: Davina Hartwell
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 2:48 PM
To: Wilf Taekema; Timothy Pley
Subject: FW: Concerned citizen

Should we forward this to next ATC?
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-----Original Message-----

From: lucie jackson [<mailto:ljackson1167@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2016 11:35 AM
To: Davina Hartwell
Subject: Concerned citizen

As an employee of a local business near the corner of angus and 3rd ave for the past year and a half I am quite concerned about this corner...

As you have lights on the corner at argyle and third , the big trucks try picking up speed as they come up third with some not realizing that there is a four way stop at angus I have seen numerous trucks lock up their brakes trying to stop...

One day someone is going to be seriously hurt :(What I am asking for is to see if the city could put in a four way flashing red light so that the big trucks are not picking up the speed to get up the hill ...

As I just witnessed at this moment was a big truck go right through the four way stop coming down the hill I am asking that you as the city consider the idea Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Kathy Krznaric
5844 Pierce Rd.
Port Alberni, B.C.
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October 12, 2016

City of Port Alberni
City of Port Alberni Council

I am writing to you in regards to a traffic problem we are having on our street.
The area of concern is at the intersection of Chapman Road and Pierce Road.

We feel strongly that there needs to be a stop sign at this intersection as it
is unclear who has the right of way.

On September 5, 2016 there was a significant accident at this intersection due
to this issue. One week later a personal friend of ours was coming to visit, travelling
on Pierce Road. She had a very close call with someone travelling on Chapman Road
failing to slow down or stop at the Pierce Rd. intersection.

Something needs to be done before someone is seriously hurt or killed at this
intersection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Krznaric".

Kathy Krznaric

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