



The **Minutes** of the **Mission Traffic and Transit Committee** meeting held in the **Conference Room** at the Municipal Hall at 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, BC on Thursday, April 7, 2016 commencing at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Danny Plecas, Chair
Councillor Pam Alexis, Vice-Chair
Ken Collier, Member at large, Resident
Wayne Green, United Way Fraser Valley
Sanjay Gulati, Mission Community Services Society
Bob Ingram, Mission Seniors Centre Association
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services
Johann Van Schaik, BC Transit

Members Absent: Jodi Marshall, School District #75

Others Present: David Hill, ICBC
Sandra Johannson, Administrative Assistant
Jenn McPherson, Resident
Donald Miller, ICBC

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Alexis,

1. That the following item be added to this agenda under "New Business":

West Coast Express Parking for Passengers with Disabilities

2. That the April 7, 2016 Mission Traffic and Transit Committee agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved Bob Ingram,

That the minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

(a) BC Transit Responses to MTTC Sub-Committee's Questions and Concerns

The Committee reviewed the responses provided by BC Transit concerning the issues of the Sub-Committee that were submitted at the last meeting. It was noted that there has been a marked improvement in the number of calls/complaints that are received regarding bus service and audit results.

There was a discussion regarding the provincial government's recent announcement that there will be provincial funds available for transit expansion starting in 2017. With the potential for provincial funding, changes in the transit schedules could be looked at to improve service, however adding additional vehicles would not be possible as the site is already at capacity. There may be an opportunity to look at an alternate or new location with many factors being taken into consideration, including the cost of land.

Action Item: Johann Van Schaik will find out if the courtesy seat signs on buses for the disabled and seniors can be made larger and report back to the Committee.

(b) Fraser Health's Plan for Parking at Mission Memorial Hospital

Councillor Plecas advised the Committee that the study being conducted on the parking needs at the hospital is now complete, although he has not received any information on it yet.

Action Item: Once received, Councillor Plecas will share results of the study with the Committee, plus report back on the potential for a Ride-A-Share program, as discussed at the Committee's last meeting, February 4, 2016.

(c) Bus Shelters

Tracy Kyle reported to the Committee that the District receives approximately 12% of the revenue from bus benches and shelters, which equates to approximately \$100 per month. There are eight shelters and twenty-six benches in the District.

Regarding the issue of the gap at the top of the bus shelters, the gaps are there to provide ventilation during the hot summer months. If the Committee still has concerns regarding rain water coming in through the gaps, additional glass could be added to help minimize the effect, however the gap cannot be eliminated.

Discussion turned to whether or not the number of seats on the benches could be increased. It was noted that shelters must ensure that there is enough room to accommodate a wheelchair, therefore there isn't more room for seats. There does, however, appear to be an inconsistency between the number of seats at the bench outside of the library and the bench across the street from the library.

Action Item: Councillor Alexis will raise the issue of seating with the Sub-committee to determine if there are other locations with inconsistencies.

Action Item: Tracy Kyle will contact Creative Outdoors, the contractor for the District's benches and shelters, to find out if there are other designs that could be considered.

(d) Signage in Mission

Responses to signage issues that were previously raised were provided to the Committee.

Members were reminded that specific issues regarding signage should be reported directly to Public Works, rather than brought to this Committee.

Action Item: Tracy Kyle will look into signage concerns southbound on Wren Street.

(e) Crosswalk Timing at Park Street and Lougheed Highway

The Director of Engineering and Public Works reported that the issue of the short crosswalk light timing at this intersection was referred to the MoTI. To date, feedback has not been received back from the Province.

Action Item: Tracy Kyle will follow up with the MoTI.

(f) Speed Reader Boards

The Committee discussed the many benefits of speed reader boards and the possibility of a partnership with ICBC for cost sharing for additional boards.

(g) MoTI Issues

The Director of Engineering outlined some of the issues that she discussed with the MoTI, Regional Director, and Deputy Minister at a recent meeting.

During spring of this year, the MoTI will be line painting and also painting the crosswalks in the downtown area. They indicated that because the intersection of Dewdney Trunk Road and the Lougheed Highway does not warrant a traffic signal, there is no funding available. They will, however, take a look at it. Regarding the left turn traffic signal at Highways 7 and 11, turning onto the Cedar Valley Connector, the timing of the light was adjusted to make the light stay green longer, however it created other traffic problems and so it was reverted back to the original timing. MoTI plans to send staff out to assess the intersection further, however it was noted that it is likely that some major capital investment would be required.

Action Item: Tracy Kyle will follow up with the MoTI regarding a traffic signal at Dewdney Trunk Road and the Lougheed Highway.

(h) Parking Issues at Mission Senior Secondary School

The Committee discussed how parking on the school site has been turned into a bus loop. As a result, students are parking on the roads and at the Leisure Centre which is creating some issues. This topic needs to be discussed further, when Committee member Jodi Marshall, School District #75, is in attendance.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) “Distracted” Presentation - ICBC

Following up on a successful ICBC campaign in March, Donald Miller provided a PowerPoint presentation on the dangers of distracted driving and walking. Distracted driving is now the second cause of accidents in British Columbia, with the first being speed. Mr. Miller advised that decals that drivers can display on their vehicle as a statement that they don't use their phone while driving and encourage others to follow same, are available at the Community Policing Office.

(b) Compass Cards

There was a discussion regarding the magenta red Compass Cards that were issued by TransLink for BC Bus Pass Program clients (low income seniors and individuals receiving disability assistance from the Province of BC) and Access Transit/Handy Card clients. The financial burden from increased costs to these users was discussed and clarification that the cards are permanent was provided. It is still unclear how, after September, it will be determined if a user has paid or not.

Johann Van Schaik, ICBC, provided an overview of the “tap” system versus the “flash” system of the cards, and outlined how the change to Compass Cards allows BC Bus Pass holders to now ride TransLink.

Action Item: Johann Van Schaik will find out more information on some of the issues raised and report back to the Committee.

(c) Increased Traffic on Main Roads

The Committee recognized that there appears to be more traffic in Mission lately, especially at peak times. Any potential changes to Highways 7 and 11 to help to alleviate the issues would require the involvement of the MoTI.

The Transportation Master Plan was discussed as part of this topic, however it is a very high level document and therefore does not specifically address traffic volume increases in “hot spots”. A separate study would be needed to look at some of these areas closely.

Action Item: Tracy Kyle will follow up with the Committee on what stage the Transportation Master Plan is at.

(d) West Coast Express Parking for Passengers with Disabilities

At the Regular Council Meeting of April 4, 2016, Council directed staff to identify the passengers who require an accessible parking space and to refrain from ticketing those individuals for parking on Railway Avenue, and to provide a report back to Council with options for additional accessible parking for West Coast Express users.

Dan Sommer explained that there are currently five accessible parking spaces on Railway Avenue and at least eight daily passengers with disabilities that require an accessible parking space. He requested that Committee members report back to him with any ideas on how to deal with the issue of these parking spaces.

Action Item: Dan Sommer will research handicapped parking at other West Coast Express stations.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 1:30 pm in the Municipal Hall Conference Room.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Alexis,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.