

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, June 2, 2016 commencing at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Danny Plecas, Chair
Councillor Pam Alexis, Vice-Chair
Ken Collier, Member at large, resident of the District of Mission
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works, District of Mission
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services, District of Mission

Members Absent: Jodi Marshall, School District #75
Wayne Green, United Way Fraser Valley
Sanjay Gulati, Mission Community Services Society
Bob Ingram, Mission Seniors Centre Association
Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development

Others Present: Constable Alyn Beerda, RCMP
Julie Holmes, Asetech Technician
Don Miller, ICBC
Sandra Johannson, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,

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

Idling

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

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved by Councillor Alexis,

That the minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

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

Councillor Plecas advised the Committee that the parking study at the hospital is now complete and the results have been sent to the Hospital Board. The Board will be meeting with the Mayor in June to discuss the results, however no details are available yet.

(b) Bus Shelters

Following up from the April 7, 2016 meeting, Tracy Kyle advised the Committee that it would be very costly to implement a new design for the existing bus shelters, as we are still in the midst of a contract with Creative Outdoor Advertising. In the meantime, the District could look at replacing damaged shelters with a new design. There have been complaints made regarding the current design, as there is a gap at the top that provides air flow, but also allows rain water to come through.

(c) Crosswalk Timing at Park Street and Lougheed Highway

Tracy Kyle reported that the MoTI has a consultant who is looking at traffic on Highways 7 and 11; the crosswalk at Park Street and Lougheed Highway will be looked at as part of this study.

(d) Parking Issues at Mission Senior Secondary School

Councillor Alexis reported that an email was received from Jodi Marshall, School District 75, advising that a consultant has been hired to coordinate a traffic review of the school. A list of the issues being looked at was provided in the email. The Committee had a brief discussion and expressed concerns regarding implementation of the recommendations without consultation with the RCMP or the District Engineering and Public Works Department.

ACTION ITEM: Tracy Kyle will send a letter to the School District requesting that all recommendations from the consultant be referred to the RCMP and the Engineering and Public Works Department for comment before implementation. Sandra Johannson will be the conduit for information.

(e) Compass Cards

Councillor Alexis advised the Committee that an email has been received from Rebecca Newlove, BC Transit, providing information on the Compass Cards. Most of the issues that were previously identified regarding the new Compass Cards have now been resolved. The remainder of the issues are political in nature and have been forwarded to the MLA.

ACTION ITEM: Sandra Johannson will forward Ms. Newlove's email to the Committee members.

(f) Increased Traffic in Mission

Tracy Kyle informed the Committee that she met with the consultant hired by the MoTI regarding Highways 7 and 11 and discussed the increased traffic in Mission. As the study is still in the preliminary stages, there is no information available yet. Ms. Kyle will follow up with more information when it becomes available.

(g) West Coast Express Parking for Passengers with Disabilities

Dan Sommer reported to the Committee that some feedback from the public has been received regarding handicapped parking at the West Coast Express. He noted that there are currently five handicapped spots available, and there are up to eight people requiring a spot. Mr. Sommer advised Committee members that if individuals register with West Coast Express, personalized pick-up/drop-off service is available from the resident's front door to the station, thereby reducing the number of handicapped spaces needed to accommodate the 8 individuals.

ACTION ITEM: Dan Sommer will confirm with West Coast Express that the pick-up/drop-off service is available, and report back to Council on this and some of the other findings of his queries regarding handicapped parking spaces at the station.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Pedestrian Safety at Bus Stops on 2nd Avenue

Councillor Alexis provided background information on safety concerns in front of the library on 2nd Avenue:

- (a) the volume of pedestrians crossing 2nd Avenue between the two bus stops on either side of the road; and
- (b) personal safety of riders waiting at the bus stops.

Discussion ensued and it was determined that because there are already two crosswalks on the street, adding another one is not a viable option.

ACTION ITEM: Tracy Kyle will coordinate with Dave Hill, ICBC, on options to improve road safety in the area.

(b) Bus Delays and Schedule Changes from Increased Traffic

There appears to be an increase in bus delays lately due to increased traffic in Mission. The Committee queried what BC Transit is doing to compensate for large delays.

ACTION ITEM: On behalf of the Committee, Dan Sommer will email Gabe Colusso at First Canada and request tracking data of bus hours and scheduling. Additionally, he will inquire as to what action First Canada is taking to compensate for the delays.

(c) Shopper Shuttles

Councillor Alexis reported that she has received concerns regarding delays, breakdowns, etc. of shopper shuttles. It was noted that at a previous MTTC meeting, BC Transit commented that there have been many improvements to bus service lately. The Committee members shared the concern as to why are these delays occurring.

ACTION ITEM: Dan Sommer will contact Gabe Colusso at First Canada regarding the operations and maintenance of the shuttle buses.

(c) Idling

Councillor Alexis shared with the Committee that there are concerns regarding idling vehicles, particularly in front of grocery stores. The District of Mission does not have a bylaw that prohibits idling.

ACTION ITEM: Dan Sommer will report back to the Committee on what, if anything, the District currently has in place that addresses idling, what can be put in place in the future, and what other municipalities are doing about this issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Traffic Concerns on Holiday Avenue, between Wren Street and Hurd Street

The Committee discussed the issue raised by correspondence received from resident, Gord Engbert, regarding his concerns of increased traffic volume on Holiday Avenue. It was noted that several complaints have been received about this issue. Once the vacancy in the Engineering and Public Works Department is filled for the Engineering Technician, the technician will be able to look into this issue.

(b) Murray Street and 7th Avenue Traffic Flow Concerns

Correspondence from resident, Michelle Dickie, was discussed. Ms. Dickie's concerns are regarding the non-controlled intersection at Murray Street and 7th Avenue, and her request for improvement. As this issue has recently been discussed by the Committee, it was re-iterated that a decision regarding a 3-way stop or traffic lights has been deferred until after the traffic flow study in the area is complete, at the end of summer 2016.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Municipal Hall.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by and seconded,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.