

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, October 6, 2016 commencing at 2:00 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Danny Plecas, Chair
Councillor Pam Alexis, Vice-Chair
Acting Corporal Alyn Beerda, RCMP
Ken Collier, Member at Large
Sanjay Gulati, Mission Community Services Society
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Jodi Marshall, Mission Public Schools
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services
Denise Thandi, United Way Fraser Valley
Lisa Trotter, BC Transit

Members Absent: Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development
Representative, Mission Association for Community Living
Representative, Mission Youth Committee
Representative, Mission Association for Seniors Housing
Representative, Mission Seniors Activity Centre

Others Present: Graeme Cross, MOTI
Julie Holmes, Asset Technician
Don Miller, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
Mike Stang, Engineering Technologist
Sandra Johannson, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,

That the agenda of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee meeting held on October 6, 2016 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the June 2, 2016 meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee be approved.

CARRIED

Dan Sommer and Julie Holmes entered the meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS

(a) Sidewalk Near Griner Park

At the September 7, 2016 Freestanding Committee of the Whole Budget meeting, staff presented a report to Council requesting an increase to the annual sidewalk and walkway program budget for the years 2017 to 2022. Council was receptive to this increase; should they approve this item as part of the overall 2017 budget approval in November, a sidewalk at Griner Park will be installed in 2017 or 2018.

(b) Parking Issues at Mission High School

Jodi Marshall advised the Committee that there has been a large turnover of senior staff at Mission Public Schools. An email dated June 2, 2016 from Jodi Marshall to the Committee identified that a consultant was going to be hired to review the traffic and parking issues at Mission High School; Ms. Marshall stated that there are no longer plans to hire a consultant and that presently, there are no plans to address the parking issues at the high school. Furthermore, there aren't any funds allocated to hire a consultant. She recommended that the District of Mission correspond with Mission Public Schools to identify what the issues are, and what the District would like to see happen.

Action Item: Tracy Kyle will draft a letter to the Mission Public Schools for the Mayor's signature.

(c) Speed Reader Boards Update

Constable Beerda provided an update to the Committee on data from the two speed reader boards in Mission – one on Stave Lake Street, and one on the Cedar Valley Connector.

The data shows that the boards have been very effective in slowing motorists down. For even greater effectiveness, the boards should be re-located every six months to one year.

Alternate locations were discussed and include on 14th Avenue and on the north side of Cedar Street. Depending on the location, infrastructure may be needed installed in order to power the reader boards.

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

The Committee discussed several options to improve safety for pedestrians in the area of the library. It was determined that while some of these options would be quite costly (widened sidewalks, overhead pedestrian sign), others seemed viable.

ACTION ITEM: Tracy Kyle will look into lowering the speed limit on 2nd Avenue from Murray Street to James Street, installing pavement markings and/or speed bumps, and the cost of potentially moving the bus shelter(s) to a better location(s) and report back to the Committee.

Lisa Trotter will assess the impact of a reduced speed limit on 2nd Avenue on the bus schedules and also report back to the Committee.

(e) BC Transit Issues Update

Shopper Shuttles

Lisa Trotter, BC Transit, reported that shopper shuttle breakdowns and delays do not appear to be an issue. There is only one incident that she is aware of; the problem is possibly attributed to incorrect information posted on the BC Transit website.

Operations and Maintenance Facility

A committee has been formed that will be looking at different land options for a new BC Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility to house more buses. The new facility will accommodate at least 150 buses and carry through for the next 15 years. It is expected that a new facility will be up and running by the end of March 2019.

Until such time that there are more buses, BC Transit will be assessing low-usage areas to reduce transit service in order to add to high volume areas.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Upcoming Changes to the Intersection of Cedar Street and McRae Avenue

The Engineering Technologist advised the Committee that there are two upcoming changes at this intersection:

- i. the southbound right turn lane will be extended by 23 m to accommodate right turn movement coming down the hill; and
- ii. for northbound traffic, a left turn phase will be added: a thru and a left with a left turn green arrow for north-bound.

ICBC has committed to \$67,000 towards improvements at the Cedar Street/7th Avenue and Cedar Street/McRae Avenue intersections.

Left turn movement to northbound and southbound traffic at 7th Avenue will be limited during peak hours (7:00 am – 9:00 am and 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm).

(b) 7th Avenue Bike Lanes

Tracy Kyle advised the Committee that a public meeting was held in September in conjunction with a questionnaire regarding the installation of bike lanes along 7th Avenue. Some residents have raised concerns regarding the removal of parking along one side of 7th Avenue to accommodate the necessary width for the dedicated bike lanes.

Staff are reporting back to Council on October 17 with a summary of the public feedback collected. Council will be presented with an option for a cycling network working group to be formed to review the plan, potential alternatives, and through staff bring recommendations to Council. Currently, there are no painted yellow lines on the stretch of 7th Avenue where re-paving occurred in the summer. Painting has been delayed pending a decision regarding bike lanes; should Council opt for a working group to be formed, painting will potentially be further delayed until spring, as it will take time for the group to get established, meet, etc.

(c) Highway Priority Projects

A staff report to Council from the Manager of Engineering Design and Planning, dated September 19, 2016, was provided for the Committee's information.

Graeme Cross, Senior Traffic Engineer at the MOTI, introduced himself to the Committee and provided an update regarding Mission highway projects.

Highways 7 and 11

The signal timing at this intersection was recently updated in response to southbound traffic backups on Cedar Street. This update ended up creating other traffic issues, so the timing was reverted back. It was determined by the Committee that if the MOTI were to make another signal timing adjustment, the priority would be westbound on Highway 7, as traffic backup near The Junction Mall is the largest issue at this time.

Once further assessment is done, coordinating northbound left-turn traffic at Highways 7 and 11 with Hurd Street could help ease the backups. In the short term, more green light time on Highway 7 may be possible to keep traffic moving between Hurd Street and Highways 7 and 11.

It was noted that there have been recent traffic counts at this intersection, however the data is difficult to use for traffic design, as it doesn't tell us how long the cue is, it only counts the number of vehicles.

Murray Street and Highway 7

The timing plan at this intersection is due for updating; west-bound traffic flow in the afternoons has been identified as an issue. Within the next few weeks, the timing of the lights will be changed and improvements should be noticed.

Murray Street Overpass

Design work for the overpass is complete, however the funding has not gone through for it yet.

Mr. Cross noted that currently, there aren't any crosswalks on Glasgow Street at Chances Casino. The MOTI is looking at installing one with pedestrian push buttons at the signal.

Dewdney Trunk Road and Lougheed Highway

Mr. Cross advised the Committee that a light at this intersection presents issues due to the proximity to the railway crossing. Options were discussed for improvements that could be made, as vehicles turning left from Dewdney Trunk Road onto Lougheed Highway face increasing traffic and difficulty making this turn, especially at peak school hours.

Mr. Cross will discuss the issue of better access to the highway further with the planning group at the MOTI.

(d) Kenney Avenue Improvements

A staff report to Council from the Engineering Technologist, dated September 6, 2016, was provided for the Committee's information. A yellow centre line along Kenney Avenue from Oyama Street to Wren Street will be installed in order to improve road safety.

(e) Cade Barr Street and Best Avenue Safety Concerns

As a result of a recent accident at the Cade Barr Street and Best Avenue intersection whereby a young pedestrian was struck by a vehicle, Council have asked staff to expedite the ongoing traffic improvement project at this intersection and prepare options for immediate safety concerns.

(f) Road Grades in the District of Mission

A staff report to Council from the Engineering Technologist, dated September 6, 2016, was provided for the Committee's information. The report compared road grades along the Cedar Valley Connector truck route to other truck routes in the District of Mission, and found that the grade on the Cedar Valley Connector is well within the grade range of other intersections in the District.

OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) Bus Shelters on 2nd Avenue

Ken Collier requested that the Committee discuss the issue of glass installation at the two bus stops on 2nd Avenue, near the library for rain protection. It is unclear whether the glass was intentionally removed and is being stored somewhere, or if they never did have glass on them.

ACTION ITEM: Tracy Kyle will report back to the Committee on if these glass panels are still available, and if so, if they can be installed.

(b) Speed and Noise on Cedar Street

Councillor Alexis noted that at the September 6, 2016 Regular Council Meeting, a delegation appeared before Council to discuss issues relating to traffic on Cedar Street, including excessive noise, speeding vehicles, dangerous driving, and pedestrian safety.

Constable Beerda advised the Committee that he has since met with this group to discuss their concerns, and identified that speed between 7:00 and 9:00 am is the primary issue. He also noted that the building of particular concern is sited close to Cedar Street and has a sound barrier issue. Issues related to noise pollution are very difficult to legislate. The RCMP will be monitoring the area over the next three months. Additional speed limit signs on Cedar Street, especially southbound, would most likely be a benefit. Another suggestion was northbound, north of 14th Avenue.

ACTION ITEM: Tracy Kyle will communicate with Public Works regarding increased signage along Cedar Street.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Murray Street Speed – Letter from Senchara Chadwick, dated June 1, 2016

A copy of a letter received from Senchara Chadwick regarding speeding vehicles on Murray Street, was provided for the Committee's information. Speed enforcement will be increased in the area.

(b) Three way Stop at Dunsmuir and 7th Avenue – Request from Resident, dated June 1, 2016

A copy of an email outlining the request from a resident on Dunsmuir Street for a three way stop at 7th Avenue and Dunsmuir Street, was provided for the Committee's information. Discussion ensued and it was noted that stop signs are not warranted at this location.

(c) Cedar Street and Tunbridge Avenue Vehicle Speeds – Request from Resident, dated June 15, 2016

A copy of an email outlining the safety concerns of a resident regarding the intersection of Cedar Street and Tunbridge Avenue, was provided for the Committee's information.

It was noted that the issue is traffic speed enforcement.

(d) Egglestone Avenue Traffic Safety – Email from Christie Reed, dated September 21, 2016

A copy of an email from a resident regarding safety concerns, mainly speeding, on Egglestone Avenue was provided for the Committee's information.

It was noted that once this portion of road is fully constructed (from development), speed limit signs will be installed.

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 1:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers at Municipal Hall.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm.