

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

Members Present: Councillor Danny Plecas, Chair
Councillor Pam Alexis, Vice-Chair
Constable Alyn Beerda, RCMP
Ken Collier, Member at large, resident of the District of Mission
Sanjay Gulati, Mission Community Services Society
Bob Ingram, Mission Seniors Activity Centre
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Mike Younie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Members Absent: Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development
Representative, BC Transit
Representative, Mission Association for Community Living
Representative, Mission Public Schools
Representative, Mission Youth Committee
Representative, Mission Association for Seniors Housing
Representative, United Way Fraser Valley

Others Present: Graeme Cross, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Hirod Gill, Manager of Engineering Planning and Design
Julie Holmes, Asset Technician
Don Miller, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
Sandra Johannson, Administrative Assistant
Russ Mammel, Consultant for the District of Mission
Dale Vinnish, Operations Supervisor
Kate Woochuk, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,

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

"Laneway behind Horne Street".

2. That the following memo be replaced in this agenda under "Old Business":

Item 4(a) "Feasibility of 3-Way Stop at 7th Avenue and Murray Street"

3. That the December 1, 2017 Mission Traffic and Transit Committee agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the October 6, 2016 meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

(a) Feasibility of 3-Way Stop at 7th Avenue and Murray Street

A report entitled “Intersection Review at 7th Avenue and Murray Street” from the District of Mission’s Consultant was provided for the Committee’s consideration. The issue was brought back to the Committee as a follow-up item from the February 4, 2016 meeting, whereby discussion on this intersection was deferred until after the report on the intersection at Cedar Street and 7th Avenue had been released.

The Committee discussed different options for traffic control at this intersection. Concerns regarding driver non-compliance at stop signs, including enforcement, and Fire/Rescue Services Department response time to 1st Avenue were expressed. The high cost for traffic signal installation would also be an issue. The use of “High Crash Location” signs was considered, however they typically cause driver distraction when approaching stop signs and are therefore ineffective.

ACTION ITEMS:

- i. District staff will conduct a traffic count in late spring 2017, once the full impact of changes at the Cedar Street and 7th Avenue intersection can be realized and, in consultation with the Fire/Rescue Services Department on potential response times, report back to the Committee.
- ii. Kate Woochuk, ICBC, will follow up with the Committee with 2014/2015 crash data.

(b) 2nd Avenue Issues – Bus Shelters and Pedestrian Safety

A report entitled “2nd Avenue Pedestrian Safety” from the District of Mission’s Consultant was provided to the Committee for discussion, providing options to improve pedestrian safety on 2nd Avenue.

In addition to the options summarized in the report, the Committee discussed the option of a raised sidewalk; the exact location would need to be determined.

ACTION ITEM: Tracy Kyle will report back to the Committee with cost estimates for the installation of a raised crosswalk with pavement markings, and will also provide other ways that the area can be improved.

(c) Parking Issues at Mission High School

A copy of the correspondence sent to Mission Public Schools from the District’s Chief Administrative Officer was provided for the Committee’s information. It was noted that senior staff at the District are working with Mission Public Schools on several different issues, and parking is one of them.

(d) Speed Reader Boards Update

As there was no new data to report from the reader boards, the Committee discussed location options, funding and logistics for re-locating the existing board on Stave Lake Street, and also for the purchase of new boards.

Northbound on Cedar Street, at Cherry Avenue, would benefit from the installation of a board, however there would be some high costs associated with this, as the location requires infrastructure development to support the powered unit.

The locations at 14th Avenue and Hurd Street, and Best Avenue and Cade Barr Street were also discussed. It was determined that since these locations either have upcoming or existing road safety improvements, there may no longer be a need for speed reader boards and should not be made a priority.

ACTION ITEM: Tracy Kyle will report back to the Committee on cost estimates to relocate the existing speed reader board from Stave Lake Street to Cedar Street at Cherry Avenue, as well as costs to include other potential locations. Additionally, Ms. Kyle and ICBC will have discussions regarding funding options.

(e) MOTI Projects Update

Graeme Cross updated the Committee with projects that the MOTI has been working on.

Signal Timing

Signal timing updates have been made to improve:

- Highway 7 westbound flow at Hurd Street;
- Highway 11 northbound delays and queueing at Highway 7/Cedar Valley Connector; and
- Murray Street northbound delays and queueing at Highway 7.

Mr. Cross is hopeful that these adjustments will help with traffic backups, but will still monitor these intersections to see if further refinements can be made.

Highways 7 and 11 Intersection Improvements

A design project is underway to address traffic back-ups at this intersection; however it is still in the concept stage.

The MOTI is looking at changes for northbound traffic on Highway 11, towards the intersection. These changes would include two exclusive left turn lanes, two northbound through lanes, and a northbound right turn lane. Additionally, the eastbound right turn lane on Highway 7 would be extended.

Highway 7 at Murray Street Stop Bar Locations

In response to a concern raised with the location of the stop bar locations and the ability of large trucks to make turns at Highway 7 and Murray Street, the MOTI conducted an assessment of the situation and concluded that there are opportunities to move stop bars. The MOTI will be working on finalizing these locations. Pavement markings and changes to the vehicle detector loops will be required.

Guide Signing on North Railway Avenue

Mr. Cross discussed a conceptual change to the guide signing on North Railway Avenue to improve way finding and highlight the left turn to the downtown. The Ministry will follow up with District staff for comment on the proposal.

Pedestrian Crossing at Glasgow Avenue and Horne Street

The Ministry is reviewing details to accommodate pedestrian crossings from Chances Mission (Casino) and Value Village through the intersection. Pedestrian crossing installations should occur soon.

Highway 7 at Dewdney Trunk Road, Hatzic

The Ministry does not have any future plans for accesses and improvements to this intersection. A partnership between the MOTI and the District of Mission to have a consultant review the issues and provide options for consideration was discussed. The Ministry will follow up with a letter to District staff to propose this partnership.

Concern was expressed regarding the pending opening of Starbucks at Highway 7 and Hurd Street, and how traffic will be impacted. Once this new location opens, traffic impacts can be assessed.

Traffic backups at Highway 7 and Murray Street were also discussed. Mr. Cross will follow up with this item, as a letter was sent from the District to the MOTI in September 2016, requesting improvements to ease the significant traffic delays.

Councillor Plecas thanked Mr. Cross for the updates to the Committee and the works done so far, and is looking forward to future refinements being made.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) ICBC Road Safety Campaigns

Kate Woochuk, Road Safety and Community Coordinator at ICBC, advised the Committee of two educational road safety campaigns that have been launched:

- i. The Pedestrian Safety Campaign, October 18 to November 10; and
- ii. Drinking Driving CounterAttack, starting December 1.

(b) Pedestrian Safety Presentation

Kate Woochuk provided a presentation to the Committee regarding pedestrian safety. ICBC, in conjunction with the BC government and police, conducted their annual "Pedestrian Safety Campaign" from October 18 to November 10 in order to raise awareness and educate drivers and pedestrians on the topic. Driver distraction, weather, and drivers' failure to yield are the leading causes of pedestrian crashes in BC.

Reflectors are available from ICBC for pedestrians to wear.

(c) Changes to TrainBus Service

On behalf of the Dan Sommer, Mike Younie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of upcoming changes to the TrainBus Service.

TransLink's Skytrain Millennium Line Evergreen extension will be going into service on December 2 and TransLink will no longer be offering the TrainBus service. The TrainBus to and from Mission will be replaced with an extension of the #701 Bus from Haney to Mission on December 19. The existing TrainBus service will cease on December 31, 2016, providing a short overlap period of services.

Mr. Younie noted the following:

- travel time between Mission and Waterfront Station will increase by 15 minutes;
- riders will have the new advantage of travelling from Mission to Maple Ridge at night when the last bus returns to Maple Ridge;
- riders will also have the new advantage of travelling to Mission on the bus coming from Maple Ridge in the morning; and
- The District currently pays \$195,000 for existing TrainBus service. Replacing this service with the #701 will cost \$125,000, leaving \$70,000 for additional service hours.

Translink will be placing flyers on seats during the next month to advertise the changes and there will be an announcement on the District's website. Additionally, the District will be working with Translink to conduct a survey regarding rider times.

Staff have been directed by Council to speak with BC Transit and TransLink in regards to cost sharing, to look into the feasibility of hiring a private service, and to survey TrainBus riders for their preferred hours of service.

(d) Snow and Ice Control

The District's plans for snow and ice control, including snow route maps and priorities, are now available to view on the District's website.

(e) Committee Terms of Reference and Membership

There has been recent interest expressed from a resident to join the Committee. The District is currently undergoing a review of all Council Committees and their Terms of Reference; therefore consideration for new members will occur once this process is complete.

(f) Laneway Behind Horne Street

A copy of correspondence dated November 3, 2016 from Dr.'s William Tyler and Ian Smillie, Tyler Dental Artz Inc. located at 7340 Horne Street, was provided to the Committee. Due to an ongoing issue with vagrancy in the alley and safety concerns for their patients and staff, Dr.'s Tyler and Smillie are requesting that the alley behind Horne Street be re-opened to deter vagrants from living in the space.

Tracy Kyle and Mike Younie both provided background to the Committee. The property that Pioneer Chrysler is on has a retaining wall supporting the laneway that several years ago, started to fail and has caused damage to municipal property.

Pioneer hired a contractor who attempted the repairs, however the required permit was not applied for and the work was stopped pending issuance of permits and responsibility for repair cost. Based on designs drafted by the District, repairs to the wall would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000. Thus far, neither the owners of the property nor Pioneer have undertaken the repairs.

ACTION ITEMS:

- i. Tracy Kyle will draft a response letter to Dr.'s Tyler and Smillie for the Mayor's signature.
- ii. Engineering & Public Works will send a letter to the property owners of 33327 1st Avenue, outlining the requirements to repair the wall. If, within a timeframe indicated in the letter, the repairs are not completed, the District will undertake the repairs and bill the property owner for the work completed.
- iii. Staff will report back to the Committee at the next meeting with an update.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence to the District and accompanying responses regarding various traffic concerns, were received by the Committee for information.

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.