



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, April 6, 2017 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  
Bob Ingram, Mission Seniors Activity Centre  
Judith Ray, Mission Association for Seniors Housing  
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works, District of Mission  
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services, District of Mission  
Lisa Trotter, BC Transit (via telephone, for part of meeting)

Members Absent: Sanjay Gulati, Mission Community Services Society  
Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development  
Jodi Marshall, School District #75  
Rebecca Newlove, BC Transit  
George Johansen, First Group  
Representative, Mission Association for Community Living  
Representative, Mission Youth Committee  
Representative, United Way Fraser Valley

Others Present: Graeme Cross, MOTI  
Hirod Gill, Manager of Engineering Planning and Design  
Joan Hendriks, BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization (Branch #28)  
Julie Holmes, Asset Technician  
Sandra Johannson, Administrative Assistant  
Russ Mammel, Consultant for the District of Mission  
Kylee O'Dell, MOTI  
Steve Simmonds, Manager of Inspection Services (for part of meeting)  
Dale Vinnish, Operations Supervisor

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### 2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved and seconded,

That the agenda of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee meeting held on April 6, 2017 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

### 3. **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the February 2, 2017 meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee be amended by replacing the words “There will be left-turn access from Highway 7 to Nelson Street” to “There will be left-turn access from Highway 7 to Chester Street” in Section 5 (e) MOTI Projects Update, Highway 7 Widening – Silverdale Avenue to Nelson Street

CARRIED

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### (a) MOTI Projects Updates

As of April 17, 2017, Mike Kelly, Operations Manager at the MOTI in Chilliwack, is no longer in this position. The MOTI will advise the Committee once a replacement has been announced.

Graeme Cross and Kylee O'Dell provided updates on MOTI projects in the District of Mission.

##### Highway 7 and Dewdney Trunk Road Intersection

A consultant is conducting an operational review to improve safety at this intersection. Once the review is complete, the consultant will provide options for improvement, which will be brought forward by Mr. Cross to the Committee as information.

##### Highway 7 - Silverdale Avenue to Nelson Street Widening

Phase 1 (pre-loading) of the street widening project has been tendered; another invitation to tender will be issued for Phase 2 (construction of the road) and is set for 2018.

Discussion ensued and it was noted that there has been extensive consultation with industries and farmers in the area with respect to access. Tracy Kyle added that as Chester Street will eventually be closing, there is one business that will have to backtrack to Nelson Street in order to turn onto the highway. The current plan is for the construction of a spur for turning around, however the District has asked for a plan that will take into consideration future development. A roundabout is being considered and would be a safer option; backtracking would still be required.

##### Glasgow Avenue at Horne Street Crosswalk

Plans for a new crosswalk at this location are not available yet. The MOTI will consult with District staff once the conceptual plans are complete.

##### Highway 7 at Welton Street, eastbound near Westcoast Express

The MOTI has received complaints that the crosswalk at this location is dark. Design options for lighting are being looked at in conjunction with an on-site analysis of volume and traffic speed to see if a pedestrian-activated flasher is warranted.

Discussion ensued with suggestions for safety improvement options at this location, however first the analysis needs to be completed before any decisions can be made.

### Highways 7 and 11 Intersection

The Regional Project Manager at the MOTI has approval to proceed with the conceptual design of this intersection. Ministry and District staff have meet to review the over-arching plan; in the meantime, the pedestrian crossing signal has been updated with a countdown timer and tweeters.

At 1:46 pm, Steve Simmonds entered the meeting.

#### **(b) Parking at Mission Secondary**

District staff met with the school district to discuss the lack of student parking at Mission Secondary. The school district indicated that they will be looking into options, including possibly moving the bus loop to the west side of the school whereby the buses enter from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and exit at the rear of the school. Approximately 30 student parking spots would then available in the existing bus loop area.

It was noted that there are also parking issues at Albert McMahon Elementary School. District staff will need to discuss these issues separately with the school district.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **(a) BC Transit Bus Facility Update**

Lisa Trotter (via telephone) advised the Committee that BC Transit is still in the process of acquiring land for the new bus facility. She will provide further updates as they become available.

Dan Sommer explained that Mission and Abbotsford are working together with BC Transit on a Memorandum of Understanding for cost sharing. It is expected that a new facility will be built by March 31, 2019.

#### **(b) Transit Alerting System and Alerts**

Lisa Trotter, on behalf of George Johansen, explained that there has been some recent confusion regarding the transit alerting system. Some new staff have been hired and are learning to use the alert system, which may have been a contributing factor to the confusion.

There are three ways that customers can access alert information from BC Transit's website:

1. Subscribe to email alerts;
2. Click directly on affected routes; and
3. Click on the orange active-alert buttons.

At 2:00 pm, Lisa Trotter (via telephone) left the meeting.

**(c) Parking Enforcement Pilot Project**

Steve Simmonds provided an overview of the staff report to Council dated April 3, 2017, "Parking Enforcement Pilot Project". Council is proceeding with the recommendations outlined in the report.

At 2:02 pm, Steve Simmonds left the meeting.

**(d) Safety Improvements at London Avenue Railway Crossing**

Tracy Kyle provided an overview of the staff report to Council dated April 3, 2017, "Federal Grade Crossing Regulations Update". Ms. Kyle clarified that the minor improvements outlined in the report are to improve sightlines for vehicles.

**(e) Stave Lake Street Improvements Conceptual Design**

Hirod Gill provided an overview of the staff report to Council dated March 20, 2017, "Stave Lake Street Improvements Conceptual Design". Council is proceeding with the recommendations outlined in the report.

The question was raised if Stave Lake Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue is still part of the disaster route. Mr. Gill will ensure that if it is, the consultant hired to provide the conceptual design plans will be made aware of this.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Tracy Kyle provided an overview of the types of traffic-related complaints that are received by the District. She noted that many of the complaints are regarding traffic calming. The Committee discussed different traffic calming options and also the Traffic Calming Policy.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, June 7, 2017 at 1:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers at the Municipal Hall.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 pm.