



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, June 1, 2017 commencing at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Danny Plecas, Chair  
Councillor Pam Alexis, Vice-Chair  
Inspector Annette Fellner, RCMP  
Sanjay Gulati, Mission Community Services Society  
Bob Ingram, Mission Seniors Activity Centre  
Jodi Marshall, School District #75  
Judith Ray, Mission Association for Seniors Housing  
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Grant Brilz, BC Transit  
Lisa Trotter, BC Transit  
Sergeant Rob Wheeler, RCMP

Members Absent: Ken Collier, Member at Large, resident of the District of Mission  
Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development  
Rebecca Newlove, BC Transit  
George Johansen, First Group  
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services  
Representative, Mission Association for Community Living  
Representative, Mission Public Schools  
Representative, Mission Youth Committee  
Representative, United Way Fraser Valley

Others Present: Graeme Cross, MOTI  
Michele Fernie, Engineering Technologist III – Traffic and Transportation  
Hirod Gill, Manager of Engineering Planning and Design  
Joan Hendriks, BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization (Branch #28)  
David Hill, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia  
Julie Holmes, Asset Technician  
Sandra Johannson, Administrative Assistant  
Maziar Kazemi, MOTI  
Kate Wochuk, ICBC

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,

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

Mission Abbotsford Bridge Closures

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the April 6, 2017 meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee be approved.

CARRIED

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**(a) 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Pedestrian Safety**

The staff report to Council dated May 15, 2017, "2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Exchange Improvements" was provided to the Committee as information. Improvements to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Exchange will be considered as part of the 2018 capital budget deliberations. Staff will put forward this item forward as a new project for Council to consider for 2018.

Sanjay Gulati requested that the two parking spots on north side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, adjacent to Community Services, be looked at, as cars are regularly parked there all day.

Action Item: The Engineering Technologist will monitor the area to determine if changes are needed in the area of the Community Services building.

**(b) BC Transit Updates**

Lisa Trotter advised the Committee that completion of the new transit facility is on target for completion by March 31, 2019. The Terms of Reference will be drafted for a 5-year implementation plan; Ms. Trotter is aiming to bring this forward to this Committee within the next year as information. There will be opportunities for public engagement with BC Transit as well as the operating company.

In September 2017, a service review will be conducted for Central Fraser Valley (Mission and Abbotsford) to determine if any cost-neutral improvements can be made (i.e., timing of routes, ridership on routes, etc.), for implementation in January 2018.

There will be a reprint of the Rider's Guide in September, with some minor changes. Further changes to the guide will require consultation, for implementation in January.

It was noted that parking at the hospital is increasingly getting worse. BC Transit is aware of the lack of parking in the area and is looking at ways to improve routes.

### **(c) MOTI Projects Updates**

Graeme Cross and Maziar Kazemi provided the following updates to the Committee:

#### Highway 7 / Railway Avenue Pedestrian Crossing

A speed survey was conducted at this location and it was found that the average speed of drivers was 46 km/h; the posted speed is 40 km/h. The majority of vehicles were in the 42-51 km/h range, with less than 5% of the drivers over the speed limit. Most drivers were complying with the posted speed limit.

A pedestrian count was also conducted, between 4:55 pm and 5:55 pm. Two Westcoast Express trains arrived during this period. It was found that the number of pedestrians and the volume of traffic were not enough to warrant a pedestrian-activated crosswalk. The MOTI is looking at options for improvement at this location in terms of visibility and illumination.

It was suggested that improvements may be made by moving the crosswalk so that it is located east of Welton Street, rather than the existing location which is west of Welton Street.

#### Highway 7 and Dewdney Trunk Road Intersection

Taking future development into consideration, field observations and traffic counts were conducted at this location. Preliminary data determined that a traffic signal is not warranted at this location; there weren't any undue delays observed southbound left turn from Dewdney Trunk Road onto Highway 7, and also several gaps in traffic were noted. The number of vehicles counted was also factored in. It was noted that the left turn for eastbound traffic from the highway onto Dewdney Trunk Road is quite short, causing some quick turns and potentially some near misses. Further work is going to be done this area, followed up by recommendations for improvement. Mr. Cross will confirm that the observations were conducted during the heavy traffic times – the morning and afternoon school rushes.

Hirod Gill informed the Committee that the District has also been doing traffic counts at this location. Once the results are in, the District will share them with the MOTI.

#### Glasgow Avenue at Horne Street Crosswalk

To facilitate the lack of pedestrian facilities near Chances Mission and Value Village, the MOTI is looking at installing a crosswalk across the two right-turn lanes on Glasgow Avenue, just before the overpass. Traffic signals would also be added for these two lanes and the sequence of the signalization cycle adjusted. The next steps are to consult with the District to see if this plan is acceptable, and to seek funding.

#### Highways 7 and 11 Intersection

Improvements to this intersection are now at the 90% design stage; there is no further funding commitment at this time for the last 10% and onwards for construction. An announcement from the provincial government is pending, at which time more will be known.

Highway 7 – Silverdale Avenue to Nelson Street Widening

The tender for pre-loading is now closed. The contract has not yet been awarded, pending an announcement from the provincial government. Once pre-loading starts, it is hopeful that it is complete by the end of August at the latest. Trucks will be working around the clock (overnight, weekends, etc.) to minimize the impact on traffic. Construction is to start in the spring 2018.

Highway 7 and Murray Avenue Intersection

Changes to the stop bars at this intersection, including changes to the thermal paint, are being considered to accommodate wide-turning trucks. MOTI will keep the Committee updated on the status of this.

**(d) ICBC Road Safety Updates**

Kate Woochuck provided an overview of ICBC's recent road safety campaigns:

- “Distracted Driving” month - March;
- “Auto Crime Awareness “ month – April;
- “High-Risk Driving” month - May; and
- “Bike to Work Week” – during June.

Partnered with the RCMP, all were very successful campaigns and raised awareness throughout the province.

ICBC and the RCMP are now working on the upcoming “Summer Counter Attack Impaired” Campaign. It is the hope to get messaging out to places/events where alcohol is served.

The “Pedestrian Awareness” campaign will take place in September and October.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**(a) Pedestrian Safety Concerns at Value Village**

This item was discussed as part of 4 (c) MOTI Updates. There was no further discussion.

**(b) Unsafe Turns from Cedar Valley Connector onto Briskham Street**

The Committee briefly discussed the issue of unsafe turns at this location. It was agreed that RCMP enforcement would be beneficial here.

**(c) Traffic Calming on Horne Street**

Councillor Alexis advised the Committee that speeding in residential areas is a common concern amongst residents.

The Committee discussed ways to calm traffic in residential areas such as speed watch through Mission Crime Prevention volunteers, rubberized speed bumps, better designed neighbourhoods, speed reader boards, etc.

Councillor Plecas explained to the Committee that Council is looking at looking at many different options, however it is a complex issue.

**(d) BC Transit Bus Pass Vendors**

The Committee agreed to defer this item until the next meeting, when the Director of Development Services will be in attendance.

**(e) Speeding on the Cedar Valley Connector and on Local Roads**

This item was discussed as part of Item 5 (c). There was no further discussion.

**(f) Traffic Counting Program**

Hirod Gill provided maps to the Committee, illustrating the District's 3-year traffic counting program, which includes provisions for optional traffic counting. The program will provide directional data, speed volume, and vehicle classifications at different time intervals at almost 27 sites per year. All counts will be for 7 days (24/7).

ACTION: Councillor Plecas will follow up with the District's Manager of Civic Engagement and Corporate Initiatives to advertise the program in the local newspaper and on the District's website.

**(g) Bridge Closures**

Councillor Alexis expressed concerns regarding how the community is impacted when a bridge closes (due to serious motor vehicle accidents), especially the Abbotsford-Mission Bridge.

Both the RCMP and the MOTI explained that when this circumstance occurs, it is very difficult to make improvements to ease traffic congestion. There are multiple factors that contribute to the length of time of closures; for example, different agencies need to arrive on the scene, the timing of which is not within anyone's control.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence to the District and accompanying responses regarding various traffic concerns, were received by the Committee for information. It was noted that most issues are speed and parking-related. The pilot parking enforcement project should help.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 1:30 pm in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Hall.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.