

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 7, 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
James Grant, First Transit
Bob Ingram, Mission Seniors Activity Centre
Alison McDonald, BC Transit
Judith Ray, Mission Association for Seniors Housing
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services
Lisa Trotter, BC Transit

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

Others Present: 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 Johansson, Administrative Assistant
Maziar Kazemi, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Brent Schmitt, Acting Director of Engineering & Public Works
Dale Vinnish, Assistant Operations Manager

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":
 - 2nd Avenue Bus Shelter Contribution; and
2. That the December 7, 2017 MTTC agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Ken Collier requested that issues from the MTTC Subcommittee be added to future agendas as a regular and recurring item. The feasibility of this will be discussed by the Chair and Vice-Chair.

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the October 5, 2017 meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

(a) Cherry Avenue and Cedar Street Speed Reader Board

Constable Beerda reported that over two million records have been recorded since the speed reader board was installed. The top recorded speed is 141 km/h, while the average speed is 67 km/h. 70% of speeders at this location are driving northbound, up Cedar Street and most speeding occurs on weekends and on Friday evenings.

(b) 2nd Avenue Bus Exchange – Safety and Improvement Update

The budget for improvements to the 2nd Avenue bus exchange is subject to Council's approval on December 20, 2018 as part of the District's 2018 budget approval.

Councillor Alexis entered the meeting.

(c) Shuttle Bus Service – Breakdowns and Schedule Concerns

Bus breakdowns and scheduling concerns have mostly been resolved. Some adjustments can be made if scheduling remains a concern.

(d) Potential Expansion of Sunday Bus Service

Some riders (seniors in particular) have expressed that they would like to be able to utilize a Sunday bus service in order to attend church. Lisa Trotter explained that this is not feasible until such time that the new bus facility is up and running, when buses can be added. A property has been acquired for the new bus facility with a public open house to be held on January 20, 2018 and the public hearing to most likely be held in February/March. A media event will follow in April or May.

(e) Controlled Pedestrian Crossing Timing at Park Street and Lougheed Highway

Adjustment of the pedestrian crossing at Park Street and Lougheed Highway was discussed by the Committee, as there doesn't seem to be enough time for pedestrians to cross the street before the light changes. The issue was raised by the District to the MOTI in 2016, who reported back that after a review, it was determined that an adjustment was not needed.

Mr. Kazemi advised the Committee that he will arrange for a traffic engineer to reassess the crosswalk's timing to see if adjustments need to be made.

(f) Intersection at Cedar Valley Connector and Mall Access near 32471 Lougheed Highway

Constable Beerda reported to the Committee that there is a high volume of accidents at this location when vehicles in the right lane are exiting the parking lot of

32471 Lougheed Highway, northbound onto the Cedar Valley Connector. The issue appears to be visibility, related to hedges at Tim Horton's.

ACTION ITEM: Staff will assess the intersection and report back to the Committee with some recommendations to improve safety at this intersection.

(g) MOTI Projects Updates

Maziar Kazemi provided the following updates to the Committee:

Highway 7 / Railway Avenue Pedestrian Crossing

Lighting enhancements to the pedestrian crossing are being looked at to improve safety at this location. The flashing lights that were installed by the District will be removed once the lighting enhancement installations are complete, as they are not an industry standard.

Discussion ensued regarding the flashing lights and the Committee agreed that it would be beneficial for the flashing lights to remain. Mr. Kazemi will consult with the traffic engineer at MOTI to determine the feasibility of this and report back to the Committee.

Highway 7 and Dewdney Trunk Road Intersection

There are no updates at this time, as the Ministry is awaiting comments back from the District regarding the findings of the assessment of the intersection.

Glasgow Street at Horne Street Crosswalk

Design and funding options are still being finalized for a right turn at this location.

Highways 7 and 11 Intersection

There are no updates on this project, as improvements to this intersection are still at the 90% design stage and there are still no funding commitments.

Highway 7 – Silverdale Avenue to Nelson Street Widening

There has been a timing setback to this project related to environmental requirements; however the MOTI is continuing to do pre-work for the highway widening. As a result, from January 7, 2018 to January 19, 2018, Highway 7 eastbound will be reduced to single lane alternating traffic. Work will be in effect Monday to Thursday from 8:00 pm to 5:30 am, Friday to Saturday from 8:00 pm – 7:00 am, and Sunday from 9:00 pm to 5:30 am. A construction speed limit of 50 km/h will be in effect.

Advance notification signs will be going up soon along the side of the highway.

Highway 7 and Murray Street Intersection

The marking changes being made at this intersection are now complete. In addition, many potholes have been patched up.

Any significant improvements/changes to the overpass will be discussed in the upcoming years, once the effects of future development to traffic patterns are realized.

1st Avenue Streetscape Improvements

A letter of agreement between the Ministry and the District is being finalized regarding funding for roadworks related to the 1st Avenue streetscape improvements.

Councillor Alexis lead a discussion regarding the effects on traffic in Mission when there is a highway traffic event in another municipality. The intersection at Murray Street is of particular concern.

Mr. Kazemi advised the Committee that if the District contacts the MOTI regarding “hot spots” (such the Murray Street) during an event, then additional resources may be provided to assist with flagging, etc.

(h) ICBC Road Safety Updates

An update on road safety from Kate Wochuk, ICBC Road Safety Coordinator, dated December 7, 2017, was provided to the Committee for information. The update included the CounterAttack Impaired Campaign which is running during the month of December, as well as dates that Operation Red Nose will be operating on until the end of December 2017.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) 2018 MTTC Meeting Schedule

The meeting schedule for the 2018 Mission Traffic and Transit Committee was provided to the Committee for information.

(b) 7th Avenue and Horne Street Crosswalk

The report to Council dated October 16, 2017 from the Engineering Technologist, “7th Avenue at Horne Street Crosswalk Investigation”, was provided to the Committee for information.

(c) Transit Departure Times

The issue of poor connectivity times at the West Coast Express station with the buses was discussed by the Committee. It was determined that the problem is most likely the timing of when the destination signs on the buses are changed. James Grant, First Canada, will communicate this information to the drivers and better signage will also be considered.

There was a discussion regarding buses parking along the curb at the West Coast Express station and it was determined that better allocation is needed for curb allowances.

(d) West Coast Express Parking Lot Security Issues

Vehicle break and enter concerns at the West Coast Express parking lot was discussed by the Committee. West Coast Express has a contract with the Commissionaires in part to patrol their parking lots; therefore, security would fall under the jurisdiction of the Commissionaires.

The Bylaw Enforcement Division is currently researching the issue and looking at options to create awareness to help reduce auto crime in the parking lot. One option

is the “Lock Out Auto Crime” program through the Mission Crime Prevention office. The program is supported by ICBC.

ACTION ITEM: Constable Beerda will contact the Crime Prevention Office.

(e) 2nd Avenue Bus Stop Contribution

Councillor Plecas led a discussion regarding pursuing contributions from multi-family developers for future bus shelters. As the District is currently under contract until 2021 for bus shelters, options for this won't be looked at until a future date.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence to the District regarding traffic and/or transit-related issues, was provided to the Committee for information. Engine brake noise control in urban areas as well as enforcement were discussed, and it was

Moved and seconded,

That staff report back to the Committee with options regarding noise control for commercial engine brakes in urban areas.

CARRIED.

It was noted that if trucks from the development community are contributing to the engine brake noise, then those individual developers can be contacted.

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 1:30 pm in the **Council Chambers** at the **Municipal Hall**.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm.