



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, February 1, 2018 commencing at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Danny Plecas, Chair
Ken Collier, Member at Large, resident of the District of Mission
Sanjay Gulati, Mission Community Services Society
Judith Ray, Mission Association for Seniors Housing
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services

Members Absent: Councillor Pam Alexis, Vice-Chair
Constable Alyn Beerda, RCMP
James Grant, First Canada
Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development
Alison McDonald, BC Transit
Jodi Marshall, School District #75
Lisa Trotter, BC Transit
Representative, Mission Association for Community Living
Representative, Mission Seniors Activity Centre
Representative, Mission Youth Committee
Representative, United Way of the Lower Mainland

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
Jay Jackman, Manager of Development Engineering & Projects
Sandra Johannson, Administrative Assistant
Maziar Kazemi, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Dale Vinnish, Assistant Operations Manager
Kate Wochuk, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order and notified the Committee that Bob Ingram, representing the Mission Seniors Activity Centre, has resigned from the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee effective immediately.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved and seconded,

That the agenda of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the Thursday, December 7, 2017 meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee be amended on page 3, by replacing the name “Naasir Malik” with “Maziar Kazemi”.

CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

(a) Revised 2018 MTTC Meeting Schedule

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

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

A memo from the Engineering Technologist III – Traffic and Transport regarding ways to improve safety at this intersection was provided to the Committee for information.

Moved and seconded,

That a no right turn on red restriction be put in place at the intersection of restriction of Cedar Valley Connector and Mall Access near 32471 Lougheed Highway. Staff will inform the RCMP once the installation has been completed.

CARRIED

(c) Engine Brake Noise

A memo from the Engineering Technologist III – Traffic and Transport regarding options to control noise from engine brakes in urban areas, was provided to the Committee for information.

Moved and seconded,

That the “Please DO NOT USE ENGINE BREAKS IN THIS AREA” sign on Stave Lake Street south of 7th Avenue be replaced with a more prescriptive “ENGINE BREAK USE PROHIBITED EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY”. Additionally, with the next update of the Traffic Regulation Bylaw the provision for prohibition of engine break noise will be considered for inclusion.

CARRIED

(d) MOTI Projects Updates

Maziar Kazemi provided the following updates to the Committee:

Park Street and Lougheed Highway Crosswalk

The Ministry is assessing the timing of the crosswalk at Park Street at Lougheed Highway. Further updates will be provided when they are available.

Bus Stop in front of West Coast Express

At the December 7, 2017 MTTC meeting, the issue of the bus stop in front of the West Coast Express station was discussed, as it cannot accommodate two parked buses at the same time. Mr. Kazemi explained that suggestions raised by the Committee to either move the bus stop eastward to allow two buses to fit, or to extend the stop further east are not feasible; however, there may be an opportunity to move the bus stop further west on Railway Avenue if existing reserved parking stalls at this location can be removed. Mr. Kazemi will provide this option in the form of a recommendation and present it to District staff for comment.

Highway 7 / Railway Avenue Pedestrian Crossing

The design for improvements to this pedestrian crossing has been finalized. Overhead lighting and a pedestrian crossing sign will be added. A flashing light at this location does not meet MOTI's warrant criteria at this time; therefore, the existing flashing lights will be removed. This pedestrian crossing will continue to be monitored.

Highway 7 and Highway 11

There are no updates at this time, the project is still at the 90% design stage and there are no funding commitments yet.

Highway 7 and Dewdney Trunk Road

A report is being finalized regarding the traffic at this intersection.

Glasgow Street at Horne Street Crosswalk

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

Highway 7 – Silverdale Avenue to Nelson Street Widening

Telus has finished removing their poles, and tree clearing will be starting mid-February, continuing until the end of March.

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.

Mission Bridge

The MOTI has been working on patching damage on the Mission Bridge. There have been issues whereby weather has affected the quality of the patching, therefore causing extensive traffic delays (traffic lanes were closed to mitigate risk). Recently, with a break in the rainy weather, some new patches have been more effective. The MOTI is looking at getting funding re-prioritized for improvements to the bridge; Mr. Kazemi will keep the Committee updated on the progress of this re-prioritization.

(e) ICBC Road Safety Updates

Kate Woochuk provided the following updates and information to the Committee:

Past Campaigns

The Pedestrian Campaign – This campaign provided an opportunity to provide both education (handouts, sharing safety tips with West Coast Express commuters, etc.) and enforcement (ticketing).

Operation Red Nose – Up to 400 rides were utilized in December throughout Mission and Abbotsford.

“Light Up the Highways” – This “blitz” took place on December 2. Police were out provincially and nationally, providing enforcement to impaired drivers.

Community Grant Fund

ICBC’s Community Grant Fund, available to organizations, supports road safety and injury recovery initiatives of the community, and auto crime. An information sheet will be emailed to the Committee; information is also available on ICBC’s website.

2018 Campaigns

Ms. Woochuck presented the “2018 ICBC Road Safety Campaign Calendar”; a copy of the calendar will be emailed to the Committee.

Winter Driving

A video on winter driving, “Winter Driving Tips”, was shown to the Committee. The video is posted on ICBC’s website and provides some helpful tips to keep drivers safer on the road.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) 1st Avenue Improvement Project Status

Jay Jackman, Manager of Development Engineering & Projects, provided the Committee with an overview of the 1st Avenue Improvement Project.

The Council-approved project has a budget of \$3.5 M and will include streetscape improvements to 1st Avenue such as sidewalks, lighting, curbs, landscaping, furnishings, etc. The project should be complete by the end of the summer.

During the period of construction, an ambassador will be available during business hours to assist and be a face in the downtown to assist with the disruptions. A sequencing of work has not yet been determined, however much of the work will occur in the evenings. All stores will be accessible during this time and the highway will have at least one lane of traffic open at all times. Bus service, loading zones, and handicapped parking will be maintained during this time, and there will be signage to direct riders and drivers.

(b) BC Transit Public Engagement Events and Online Survey

BC Transit will be hosting two open houses in Mission on Tuesday, March 2, 2018 regarding the bus facility expansion:

- Mission Public Library, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm; and
- West Coast Express Train Station, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Additionally, an on-line survey will run until March 13, 2018. A link to this survey will be provided to the Committee once it becomes available.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence to the District regarding traffic and/or transit-related issues, were received by the Committee for information.

There was discussion regarding the feasibility of this Committee being able to review traffic impacts on OCP amendment applications, however it was noted that this is a very technical function that is performed by staff and is not one for this Committee. Public hearings are the best avenue to voice concerns regarding proposed developments.

It was additionally noted that there may be some opportunity in the future for staff to map the traffic “hot spots” on the District’s mapping system.

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, April 5, 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 2:39 pm.