



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 5, 2018 commencing at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Danny Plecas, Chair
Councillor Pam Alexis, Vice-Chair
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services
Constable Alyn Beerda, RCMP
Alison McDonald, BC Transit
Jodi Marshall, School District #75
Lisa Trotter, BC Transit

Members Absent: Ken Collier, Member at Large, resident of the District of Mission
Sanjay Gulati, Mission Community Services Society
Judith Ray, Mission Association for Seniors Housing
James Grant, First Canada
Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development
Representative, Mission Association for Community Living
Representative, Mission Seniors Activity Centre
Representative, Mission Youth Committee
Representative, United Way of the Lower Mainland
Dale Vinnish, Assistant Operations Manager

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
Maziar Kazemi, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Kate Woochuk, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
Shirley Sawers, Administrative Clerk/Dispatcher
Michele Fernie, Engineering Technologist III
Julie Holmes, Asset Technician

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,

That "Mission Community Cycling Coalition Delegation Presentation" be added to the agenda under **New Business** as item 5(h); and

That the agenda for the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 5, 2018 be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the Thursday, February 1, 2018 meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

(a) MOTI Projects Updates

Maziar Kazemi provided the following updates to the Committee:

Bus Stop in front of West Coast Express

Mr. Kazemi advised that he has met on site with Dale Vinnish, Assistant Operations Manager in regards to the issue of the bus stop in front of the West Coast Express station. He stated that no formal recommendations were discussed at that time. Mr. Kazemi advised that there may be an opportunity to move the bus stop further west on Railway Avenue by removing existing parking stalls. Mr. Kazemi felt that this should be discussed further with District staff for comment.

Councillor Alexis advised that she had thought that this process had been further along than mentioned and that due to the number of complaints that are received, this relocated of the bus stop has to be done.

Mr. Kazemi explained the sensitivity of relocating the bus stop due to the reserved parking stalls that would be affected.

It was agreed that Mr. Kazemi would discuss this issue further with staff and report back to Committee.

Pedestrian Crossing at Welton Street and Railway Avenue

The construction of the pedestrian crossing has been completed however MOTI is waiting on BC Hydro to complete the electrical connection for lighting.

Highway 7 and Highway 11

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

Highway 7 and Dewdney Trunk Road

As a result of a review of the intersection located at Highway 7 and Dewdney Trunk Road, a draft report has been prepared and is presently being reviewed by the District of Mission Engineering Staff and MOTI. This review looked at the corridor for design and safety enhancements and if a traffic signal was warranted.

Councillor Alexis advised that this intersection is a concern for the school bus driver's especially at peak times. Mr. Kazemi confirmed that it was determined through the review that a traffic signal was not warranted at this intersection, however that the report does provide other options and recommendations identifying prioritization and funding availability.

After further discussion in regards to what enhancements will be completed at this intersection, it was agreed that Mr. Kazemi will provide an update to the Committee at the next meeting.

Highway 7 – Silverdale Avenue to Nelson Street Widening

The project was awarded in early March to Stuart Olson Construction. Construction will be taking place early to mid-May and during the night with single lane closure. Night shift hours usually run from 8:30 pm to 6:00 pm based on volume of traffic. Mr. Kazemi advised that any works performed off the highway will be during daytime hours.

Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering and Public Works stated that she had noticed that contractors were on site the night before and single lane closure was in effect.

Mr. Kazemi advised that if the Committee receives any complaints or have any concerns to contact him and MOTI will address it.

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.

Mr. Kazemi advised that he has just received a report in regards to the traffic impact within the Highways right-of-way from the contractor. He will review it and update the Committee at the next meeting.

Jay Jackman, Manager of Development Engineering and Projects will provide further updates in regards to the commencement of works.

Mission Bridge

Mr. Kazemi advised that MOTI have received funding for the asphalt resurfacing of the main span of the Mission Bridge. The MOTI is in process of having further discussion with the District of Mission in regards to further improvements of the Bridge.

In regards to questions raised regarding the time of day and when the works will commence, Mr. Kazemi advised that the work will commence early spring into the summer and done during the night, weather permitting.

Murray Street Overpass

No update information available. Mr. Kazemi advised that MOTI had completed patching of the overpass and that this location is on their annual maintenance program.

Further discussion took place in regards to the design plan that MOTI had for the Murray Street Overpass. Mr. Kazemi advised that this plan was deferred due to re-prioritizing projects. He stated that this plan is still on the list of projects however unsure when the design plan will be completed.

Glasgow Street at Horne Street Crosswalk

Pouring of the sidewalk was scheduled for April 5, 2018 however was delayed due to the weather. Once the sidewalk is poured MOTI will activate the signalized right turn for pedestrian crossing. There will be signs placed by MOTI advising of the traffic pattern change and that this change will be monitor.

(b) ICBC Road Safety Updates

Kate Woochuk introduced David Hill, Engineer for ICBC Road Improvement Program. A brief overview of past and upcoming campaigns to the Committee.

Community Grant Fund

ICBC's Community Grant Funds are still available in this new fiscal year, and organizations are encouraged to review the funding criteria and put forward to her any requests for consideration.

ICBC Rate Fairness Public Survey

Ms. Woochuk mentioned that she had forward onto the Committee via email the link to Government's invitation to the public to participate in survey. She stated that the survey closes at 4:00 pm today and encouraged everyone if possible to go online and participate.

Auto Crime Awareness – April 2018

ICBC Road Safety is working in partnership with the District of Mission Crime Prevention Office and Mission RCMP Detachment at an Auto Crime Awareness event. The event will be held on April 21, 2018 between 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Mission Save On Foods and is being led by James Nokes, Mission Crime Prevention Coordinator. Volunteers, Police and ICBC will be handing out steering wheel locks/clubs to vulnerable vehicles that are not immobilized and are older than 2007, if they produce insurance documents while supplies last.

High Risk Driving – May 2018

ICBC will be working supporting police and volunteer partners on activities and tactics.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) First Avenue Improvements Updates

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

He stated that the contract has been awarded to Eurovia BC. Notice of Construction was distributed to downtown tenants in late March and early April by both the District of Mission and Eurovia BC. Also the District of Mission has placed a half page advertisement in the Mission City Record Paper for the last two weeks. Mr. Jackman further stated that the District staff has built a project landing page for the District web site which will contain project information and updates.

The Contractor has deployed road-side project notification signage as of April 10, 2018. Removal of trees for all three blocks is scheduled for April 16, 2018. Mobilization has been delayed due to vacation schedules and the need for a lane closure permit from the MOTI. A copy of the Traffic Management Plan has been submitted to MOTI for review and comments.

The Contractor will be using CP land south of the James/Grand Street block for the storage of equipment and materials.

Discussion ensued regarding disruptions during construction and when the construction will take place. Mr. Jackman advised that the Contractor would prefer to work during daytime hours with minimal night work and some weekend work when required. There will be no overflow parking available and all affected bus stops will be temporarily relocated. 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.

Works are scheduled to commence on April 16, 2018 Monday to Friday between the hours of 7:00 am and 5:00 pm.

(b) Crosswalk Removal on Cedar Street at 10th Avenue

A memo from the Engineering Technologist III – Traffic and Transport regarding removal of crosswalk located on Cedar Street at 10th Avenue was provided to the Committee for information.

The District will be removing the existing marked crosswalk, including the signs and pavement markings, as weather and schedules permit. Removing the marked crosswalk will not prohibit pedestrians from crossing at this location, as it will then be considered an unmarked crosswalk.

(c) Traffic Calming Policy Amendment

A memo from the Engineering Technologist III – Traffic and Transport regarding the need for a review of the Neighbourhood Traffic Calming (NTC) Policy STR.32 was provided to the Committee for information.

All traffic calming requests are currently on hold pending the outcome of the Policy review and amendments.

Councillor Alexis questioned Cst. Beerda in regards to the number of traffic violations that RCMP have been given out within residential areas. Cst. Beerda advised that the RCMP is not seeing too many violations and that people are driving within the speed limit.

Councillor Alexis advised that there may be a perception that people are speeding but in fact they are driving the posted speed limit but not any slower.

Cst. Beerda advised that driving 50 km/h within corridors (ie. 11th Avenue and Stave Lake Street) verses residential streets (ie. Hatzic area, Egglestone Avenue) does give a different perception due to narrower streets; vehicles parked on streets, and have more children travelling to and from school.

Councillor Plecas then questioned Cst. Beerda in regards to the effectiveness of the speed reader boards. Cst. Beerda advised that statistically reader boards are most effective within the first three months. He further advised that the reader board located at the top of Cedar Street is still effective; however he suggests that the reader boards be relocated.

Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering suggested that Cst. Beerda meet with Michele Fernie, Engineering Technologist III – Traffic and Transport to discuss the relocation of speed reader boards.

Kate Woochuk, ICBC questioned whether we had used the 'dark mode' method on the speed reader boards. Cst. Beerda advised we had not, and explained that 'dark mode' method is where the lantern is turned off and the recorded speed is not visible to the driver but still gathers data.

After further discussion, it was suggested that before relocating the speed reader boards that the 'dark mode' method be activated for a two month period.

(d) Intersection of 11th Avenue and Horne Street Safety Review

A memo from the Engineering Technologist III – Traffic and Transport regarding review of the intersection of 11th Avenue and Horne Street for safety concerns, was provided to the Committee for information.

Staff will be conducting a traffic study and safety review and will report back to the committee at the June 7, 2018 meeting with any findings and recommendations.

(e) BC Transit's Public Engagement Event held on March 6 and the Central Fraser Valley Transit Future Action Plan

A copy of the Central Fraser Valley Transit Future Action Plan was provided to the Committee for information.

Alison McDonald provided an update of the BC Transit hosted two Open House events held on March 6, 2018. The events took place at the Mission Library and at the West Coast Express station. An online survey was also open for three weeks, ending one week after the Open House events.

There were approximately 100 attendees at the two Open House events combined with 162 online survey respondents.

Survey results as follows:

- 75% of respondents were adults
- 75% were residents of Mission (majority were regular transit users)
- 40% state they use transit five or more days per week
- Frequently ridden routes were:
 - 31 Abbotsford-Mission Connector
 - 33 Cedar Valley
 - 32 West Heights
 - 34 East Side, Mission's main transit routes

In terms of the 2019 expansion proposal presented, all Open House attendees who voted were in support of dedicated evening service for the 33 Cedar Valley and 34 East Side and statutory holiday service. Online survey responses also indicated high levels of approval for these options as well.

People were asked for their top three priorities for transit service improvements over the next five years and the following results were received:

- More Sunday and evening services, and statutory holidays
- Increase service frequency in general

- More service between Mission and Maple Ridge
- Improvements to on-time performance, bus stops
- Better connections with the West Coast Express (especially the first two morning departures)

Ms. McDonald advised that these public engagement results will be incorporated into the BC Transit's Central Fraser Valley Transit Future Action Plan currently underway.

Councillor Places questioned whether BC Transit had any statistics as to how many people take Route 66. Lisa Trotter advised that she will have to report back to the Committee.

Councillor Alexis address Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services in regards to any updated information regarding increasing the TransLink 701 bus service. Mr. Sommer advised that he would have to discuss this with Mike Younie, Deputy CAO and report back to the Committee.

ACTION ITEM: Dan Sommer will report back to the Committee at the next meeting scheduled for June 7, 2018 in regards to where discussions are at with increasing TransLink 701 bus services, to include weekends.

(f) MOTI Update of 4 Lane Construction on the Lougheed Highway

This information was provided under **Section 4. Old Business subsection (a) MOTI Project Updates.**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 7, 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.