

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 June 6, 2019 commencing at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Danny Plecas, Chairperson
Councillor Ken Herar, Vice-Chairperson
Jodi Marshall (School District #75), Mission Public Schools
Judith Ray, Mission Association for Seniors Housing
Heather Andrew, Mission Seniors Activity Centre
Neil Smith, Member at Large (cycling)

Members Absent: Representative, Mission Community Services
Representative, Mission Association for Community Living
Representative, Member at Large (pedestrian)
Representative, Member at Large (accessible transportation)
Representative, Member at Large (transit)

Others Present: Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services
Michele Fernie, Engineering Technologist III – Transportation
Constable Reid Trustham, RCMP
Joan Hendriks, BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization (Branch #28)
Dale Vinnish, Assistant Manager of Operations
Melissa McKimmie, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,

That the agenda of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee meeting held on June 6, 2019 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee meeting held on February 7, 2019 be amended by replacing "has opened" with "is being constructed" in section 5(e) on page 5, and the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee meeting held on April 4, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

(a) 11th Avenue – Topper Drive and Weaver Crescent – McEwen Avenue Petition to Change Two Bus Stops

Dan Sommer presented information to the Committee regarding the BC Transit update. For these types of requests, District staff evaluate the situations, and BC Transit planning staff work with District to accommodate the responses and/or request. If there is an identifiable bus scheduling issue up front, BC Transit will advise.

Mr. Sommer noted that adding bus stops to the current scheduling system can be absorbed sometimes, and that once the new BC Transit facility is operational, it will free up the BC Transit planning staff to consider this request during the addition of hours to the existing system.

Action Item: Dan Sommer will report back to the Committee with the updated response from BC Transit as soon as it becomes available.

(b) Traffic Safety Strategy

The Committee reviewed the results of the Council workshop that staff presented on the “Traffic Safety Strategy” and “Traffic Calming Policy” in April, 2019.

In regards to the Traffic Safety Strategy, Council is looking into potential funding options to address the safety project identified.

(c) Traffic Calming Policy

The Committee reviewed the results of the Council Workshop that staff presented on the “Traffic Safety Strategy” and “Traffic Calming Policy” in April, 2019.

In regards to the Traffic Calming Policy, Council supported the endorsement of the policy in order to maintain a level of response to the number of issues and concerns brought forth by the public, however did not approve the policy with concerns regarding funding.

(d) Petition for Best Avenue and Caribou Street

Constable Reid Trustham presented information to the Committee regarding the results of the RCMP’s four-day presence in the area. The tolerance for speed was set at lower than average to target offenders, with a focus on having all lights from parked units in operation and on full display to reinforce the presence. The overall average result for speeders and foot traffic was not high, but tickets were issued at the lowered tolerance level to assist with the speeders that were encountered.

(e) MOTI Projects Updates

Tracy Kyle advised the Committee that there were no updates submitted on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure’s new contact who will begin to attend these meetings, but wasn’t able to attend today.

(f) ICBC Road Safety Updates

It was noted that there were no updates submitted on behalf of ICBC, and that Kate Woochuk was not able to attend today's meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Accessible Crosswalk Review

The Committee reviewed the concerns and how they were addressed. The Hurd Street incident (sidewalk curb ramps were not available, forcing users 15 meters down the street and away from the crosswalk) prompted an inventory of potential and additional locations. Another four to five locations have been identified, and staff are working to implement corrective measures for all the identified locations.

It was noted that the Hurd Street incident was made apparent through the use of social media, and that no follow up with the individual(s) involved commenced for this incident due to how the info was received by the Committee, and the designated channel process set for staff to receive and respond to requests.

(b) Update on the MTTC Membership

Tracy Kyle presented info to the group regarding the MTTC membership update. In light of the recent updates made to the MTTC Terms of Reference that was reviewed and approved by Council, there will be local newspaper ads and information made available on our website for residents interested in applying for membership on the Committee. The recruitment process will run until the end of August, and if any current Committee members are aware of anyone interested in applying, they are encouraged to refer them to the membership application process.

(c) National Impaired Driving Enforcement Day – May 18

The Committee reviewed the results of four RCMP setup locations, and other numerous locations that were allocated for switchback officers targeting those trying to avoid the setup locations. The event ran past 12:30 am on the night of the same day, and was very successful – through the use of mandatory breath tests, they issued multiple violations in addition to catching drivers in uninsured vehicles.

It was noted that the RCMP was grateful to have all those who volunteered in attendance, including Councillor Ken Herar. Having a Council member participating in the event did not go unnoticed by the public on the day of, and was a huge contributor to the success.

(d) Bike to Work Week – Temporary Bike Lane

The Committee reviewed the feedback received from the “popup” temporary bike lane setup along 7th Avenue during Bike to Work Week. The event was noted as a success with the following takeaway items to assist with setup of any future popup lanes:

- More advance notice and advertising
- There is a need for dedicated bike and bus lanes
- Further education is need regarding the use of municipal rights of way

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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

7. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 3, 2019 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 2:16 pm.