

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 October 3, 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

Members Absent: Representative, Mission Community Services  
Representative, Mission Association for Community Living  
Representative, Mission Seniors Activity Centre

Others Present: Brent Schmitt, Manager of Engineering Planning, Assets & Facilities  
Neal Moulton, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
David Hill, ICBC  
Kate Woochuk, ICBC  
Julie Holmes, Asset Technician  
Constable Reid Truthsam, RCMP  
Neil Smith, Mission Community Cycling Coalition  
Brandi Cowell, 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 October 3, 2019 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

**3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the June 6, 2019 meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee be approved.

CARRIED

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**a) Mission Hospital Crosswalk**

Brent Schmitt, Manager of Engineering Planning, Assets and Facilities provided the committee an update. The crosswalk in front of the Mission Hospital on Hurd Street is

one of four crosswalks scheduled for upgrading by installing let-downs for accessibility. The work has commenced and should be completed within the second week of October.

**b) Pop-Up Bike Lane After Action Report**

A memo from the Engineering Technologist III – Traffic and Transportation regarding the pop-up bike lane installed by the District for Bike to Work Week was provided to the Committee for information.

Comment was made with regard the safety aspect of the bike lane and how it provided a traffic calming effect and the benefits of bike lanes are worth noting.

**c) Update on Improvements to Transit in January 2020**

It was noted that there was no one present at the meeting representing BC Transit.

Councillor Plecas advised the committee that a representative from BC Transit appeared before council August 19, 2019 and discussed the changes to service that will take place in January 2020 that will include increase to services on evenings, weekends and holidays.

**d) Traffic Calming Policy Update**

The Traffic Calming Policy was adopted September 16, 2019. Based on the policy the District will under take some traffic calming initiatives within the community. A traffic calming guide book is being developed as an information source for the public.

**e) MTTC Membership Update**

The MTTC membership application process did not roll out during the summer as planned. A package outlining the requirements to sit on the MTTC is almost complete. It is anticipated that advertising for membership will take place in October.

**f) MOTI Projects Updates**

Neal Moulton provided the following updates to the Committee:

4-Laning Project in Silverdale

The project is currently winding down, and will shut down for the winter months to allow consolidation piles to settle. Work will begin again in April, maybe sooner, weather dependant. The MOTI is looking at snow clearing options during the winter.

Mr. Moulton confirmed that the push lanes at the west end of the project will be removed once the current work on that part of the project is completed.

### Murray Street Overpass

The MOTI received numerous enquiries regarding the overpass concerning what appears to be rebar sticking out. Mr. Moulton reassured the Committee that it is not rebar rather it is heating coils that are showing due to the shallow depth and they can become visible when pot holes appear. The overpass condition is being monitored on a daily basis. There are plans to resurface the deck in the near future.

### Highway 7 and Highway 11 Intersection

There are no updates at this time.

Mr. Moulton did advise the Committee that a meeting was held at the MOTI head office in Coquitlam earlier in the week with District of Mission staff. There was discussion regarding future projects that are in the planning stages including Highway 7 and Highway 11 improvements, Murray Street, and the off ramp off of Highway 11.

## **g) ICBC Road Safety Updates**

Kate Wochuk provided the following updates and information to the Committee regarding completed and upcoming campaigns:

- April the focus was on auto crime prevention. There were targeted education campaigns set up at the malls. As part of auto crime prevention, ICBC has decals that can be placed on vehicle windows that indicate there is nothing valuable in the car.
- May was speed month. In Mission, two programs were brought to Mission Secondary School. The first, a road safety speaker came and spoke to 500 of the students. The second, was a presentation made to grade 10 students about the Graduated Licencing Program to help them effectively prepare to get their drivers licence.
- July and August focused on impaired driving. The campaign included road blocks at various locations that not only stopped impaired drivers but also provided visibility throughout the community.
- September was the beginning of the school year and on the first day of school, RCMP members along with the Integrated Road Safety Unit, volunteers, and Mayor Alexis made a visible presence and monitored all school zones within the District. September was also distracted driving month. The campaign focused on providing drivers with information regarding the facts about distracted driving, the rules and penalties around distracted driving and tips for drivers.
- October is the Shift into Winter and Pedestrian Safety campaign. Early in the morning on October 21, 2019 a targeted campaign will take place at the West Coast Express Station in Mission where reflectors and tip cards will be distributed to pedestrians who ride the train to educate on pedestrian safety. Additionally, RCMP may be present to provide enforcement for drivers in the 40 km speed zone.

- Ms. Woochuk informed the Committee about the current ICBC Telematics pilot project. This is a volunteer program that focuses on drivers that are in the novice stage or in the first 2 to 3 years of their class 5 drivers licence. It uses technology to monitor driving behaviours. As an incentive, good drivers will receive gift cards to retailers and restaurants.

David Hill informed the Committee of four projects ICBC is working on with the District. ICBC will be funding a total of \$59,000 towards installation of guardrail on the Cedar Valley Connector, five crosswalk upgrades, three speed reader boards and, two sites on Cedar Street with anti-skid overlay installation.

#### **h) Traffic Safety Strategy Update**

Councillor Plecas advised that Council has dedicated \$250,000 per year towards traffic safety initiatives. It was acknowledged that the update received by David Hill on the four projects are part of the initiatives outlined in the Traffic Safety Strategy. Brent Schmitt, Manager of Engineering Planning, Assets & Facilities advised the Committee that the Request for Proposal is being prepared for the five crosswalk updates project.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **(a) 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Improvements – for Discussion**

A Memo from the Engineering Technologist III – Traffic and Transportation regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Transit Exchange Improvements was provided for discussion.

Staff were asked by Council to look at improving the crossing near the transit exchange on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue at the Library. The Memo outlined possible crossing locations and included design based conceptual plan.

A discussion ensued regarding the crossing location options. Traffic and pedestrian safety concerns were raised. Suggestions were made as to adjustments to bus parking location and ensuring a safe crosswalk design.

**Action Item:** Brent Schmitt will come back with a new design taking into consideration the suggestions from the committee.

#### **(b) 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Design Project**

A Request for Proposal for the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Design Project was put out and a contract was awarded. Survey crews will be starting work in the coming week.

### **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **7. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, December 5, 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 2:37 pm.