



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 April 4, 2019 commencing at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Danny Plecas, Chair  
Councillor Ken Herar, Vice-Chair  
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services  
Constable Reid Trustham, RCMP  
Jodi Marshall, School District #75  
Lisa Trotter, BC Transit  
Heather Andrew, Mission Senior Activity Centre  
Wendy Wilson, Mission Community Cycling Coalition  
Naasir Malik, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
Kate Woouchuk, ICBC

Members Absent: Representative, Mission Community Services Society  
Chris Slaney, First Transit  
Alison McDonald, BC Transit  
Judith Ray, Mission Association for Seniors Housing  
Representative, Mission Association for Community Living  
Representative, Mission Association for Seniors Housing

Others Present: Jay Jackman, Manager of Development Engineering & Projects  
David Hill, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia  
Michele Fernie, Engineering Technologist III - Transportation  
Melissa McKimmie, Administrative Assistant  
Neil Smith, Mission Community Cycling Coalition  
Ron Coreau, Mission Community Cycling Coalition  
Dale Vinnish, Assistant Operations Manager  
Joan Hendriks, BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization (Branch #28)

## 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 April 4, 2019 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

### **3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee meeting held on February 7, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **(a) 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Topper Drive and Weaver Crescent – McEwen Avenue Petition to Change Two Bus Stops**

Councillor Danny Plecas presented information to the Committee regarding an update on the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue bus stop petition. Subsequent to a meeting in regards to the petition, that also saw Mayor Pam Alexis in attendance, emails were sent to staff and they are addressing this issue with BC Transit.

#### **(b) 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue – Update / Messaging of Bus Stops**

The Committee reviewed Jay Jackman's reimplementation of the downtown mid-block bus stop staff report. Through evaluating the pros and cons, it was staff's recommendation that the bus stop reinstatement request not move forward due to the loss of downtown parking spots, amount of work required for this major modification, and significant associated costs.

It was noted that the Committee would look at the addition of a new downtown bus stop location around the District's Welton Common office in the future.

#### **(c) Follow-up on Discussion on Need for an Additional Bus for Certain Portions of the Day at Mission Secondary School**

Lisa Trotter presented information to the Committee regarding the automated counters on BC Transit's buses, and that there was no indication of full buses received in the last year.

It was noted that this was an isolated incident, and the automated counters will continue to be monitored over the next few months to rule out the possibility of overfilled buses.

#### **(d) Traffic Safety Strategy**

Michele Fernie presented information to the Committee regarding the detailed "Traffic Safety Strategy for Mission" staff report, submitted to Council on March 18, 2019.

In response to this staff report, Council asked for the setup of a workshop to obtain more details concerning the strategy, set for April 16, 2019.

#### **(e) Traffic Calming Policy**

Michele Fernie presented information to the Committee regarding the detailed "Traffic Calming Policy" staff report, submitted to Council on March 18, 2019.

In response to this staff report, Council asked for a closer look at the costs associated with the proposed policy through the setup of a workshop, set April 16, 2019.

**(f) MOTI Projects Updates**

It was noted that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's Naasir Malik could not attend the meeting due to a transfer to another MOTI position. He sent his appreciation to the Committee for past collaborations and discussions.

Mr. Malik's Committee replacement will be joining the Committee as early as the next scheduled meeting to provide future MOTI Project Updates. Tracy Kyle provided the MOTI Project Updates in Naasir's absence:

**HIGHWAY 7 FOUR LANING**

- *Current Activities:*
  - Continued blasting and shot rock works.
  - Working with utilities to relocate the Fortis gas line and Hydro lines.
- *Upcoming Activities:*
  - Continued blasting for another week, completing the shot rock works by next week.
  - 2,000 millimeter culvert installation / south side ditching / settlement monitoring installation.
  - Construction completion – Winter 2019.
- *Addition Notes:*
  - No night work planned for the near future (project is at the position whereby all the work can take place during the day shift).
  - Barriers will be placed along the shoulders to hold back the surcharge, which will be placed on the newly constructed shot rock embankments.
  - Cyclist and pedestrian detour to remain in place (detour through Silverdale).

**MISSION BRIDGE AND MURRAY STREET BRIDGE**

- Mission Bridge washing and sweeping is set for next week.
- Murray Street Bridge pothole patching is set for the following week.

**LINE PAINTING**

- The Fraser Valley's line markings refresh paint is tentatively scheduled for over the next two months, weather pending.

Discussion ensued regarding the line painting on MOTI jurisdiction roads, and staff to follow up with MOTI.

**(g) ICBC Road Safety Updates**

Kate Woochuk presented information to the Committee regarding ICBC's March "Distracted Driving" campaign – their first of two distracted driving campaigns for 2019. April's campaign focus will shift to "Auto Crime", and then in May it will shift to "High Risk and Speed".

Discussion ensued regarding the RCMP's successful reinforcement involvement in ICBC's March "Distracted Driving" campaign. Through the use of local RCMP staff, volunteers, unmarked vehicles, and transit buses, they coordinated successful observations of distracted driving cases involving the use of a mobile phone or other electronic devices, and seat belt violations.

**(h) Verbal Sub-Committee Updates**

The Committee reviewed the request to receive information and updates from the District's Transit Sub-Committee. It was noted that the Sub-Committee meets bi-monthly, and Councillor Danny Plecas will attend their next meeting in June, and keep both Committees up to date on each other.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**(a) Terms of Reference**

The Committee reviewed their 2019 Terms of Reference submission report to Council that was approved March 18, 2019. It was noted the Committee's current member at large from the public, Ken Collier, had submitted his notice, leaving open a Committee Voting Member vacancy.

**Action Item:** Staff set up advertisement in local newspaper looking for Committee's new member at large voting members, and draft and send out thank you letter to Ken Collier for his several years of service and commitment to this Committee.

**(b) Petition for Best Avenue and Caribou Street**

The Committee reviewed the petition received in response to the traffic and pedestrian safety on Best Avenue and Caribou Street. It was noted that the petition's referenced location is to be considered for action as part of the Traffic Calming Policy and Traffic Safety Strategy, pending the upcoming Council workshops on April 16, 2019.

**(c) Clean BC Provincial Initiative Presentation**

Ron Coreau presented information to the Committee on the Province's initiative to reduce carbon footprints through the launch of "cleanBC" ([cleanbc.gov.bc.ca](http://cleanbc.gov.bc.ca)). The Provincial government recognized and provided new funding into Active Transportation, and set objectives on what they want to achieve.

Mr. Coreau advised that Active Transportation evolved from recognition of cycling, walking, and other modes of transportation. Funding for active transportation in fifteen places in the Province has been provided, with the plan to continue expanding. It was noted that the District can keep up to date on updates and information for this Provincial initiative through the Province's annual Municipal meetings.

Wendy Wilson presented additional information to the Committee on a comprehensive education guide and rule book regarding bike cycling safety, available through the Mission Community Cycling Coalition (M3C).

**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 6, 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 2:20 pm.