

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 7, 2019 commencing at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Danny Plecas, Chair  
Councillor Ken Herar, Vice-Chair  
Constable Reid Trustham, RCMP  
Ken Collier, Member at Large, resident of the District of Mission  
Chris Slaney, First Transit  
Judith Ray, Mission Association for Seniors Housing  
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works  
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services  
Heather Andrew, Mission Association for Seniors Housing  
Lisa Trotter, BC Transit

Members Absent: Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development  
Alison McDonald, BC Transit  
Constable Alyn Beerda, RCMP  
Sanjay Gulati, Mission Community Services Society  
Jodi Marshall, School District #75  
Representative, Mission Association for Community Living  
Representative, Mission Youth Committee  
Representative, United Way of the Lower Mainland

Others Present: Arthur Kastelein, Manager of Engineering Planning and Design  
Michele Fernie, Engineering Technologist III – Traffic & Transportation  
Joan Hendriks, BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization (Branch #28)  
David Hill, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia  
Julie Holmes, Asset Technician  
Maziar Kazemi, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
Kate Woochuk, ICBC  
Jane Boutilier, School District #75  
Neil Smith, Mission Community Cycling Coalition  
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 February 7, 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 October 4, 2018 be amended by replacing the amount "25,000" with "2,500" in section 5(g) on page 6, and that the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

### 4. OLD BUSINESS

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

This item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

#### (b) MOTI Projects/Recent Meeting with MOTI Representative Updates

Maziar Kazemi presented information to the Committee regarding the following Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) project updates:

##### Highway 7 and Highway 11 Intersection Improvements, Phase 1

MOTI made improvements on the eastbound leg of Highway 7 and Highway 11 intersection/Cedar Valley connector and included;

- Increase to the left turn bay length;
- Island improvements;
- Lighting improvements;
- New paving; and
- Adjustments to the signal timings.

Phase 2 is planned, and is currently at ninety percent design and awaiting funding.

##### Highway 7 Four Lane Project

This project was put on hold during the holiday season, but has since started up again and includes;

- The embankment buildup; and
- Addressing settlement issues on Chester Street:
  - Materials being imported to the south side
  - Installation of pumps on the south side.

The Chair noted that an accident occurred in this area, and there is no telling if lighting or speeding was a factor. Maziar Kazemi noted that this area is a semi-urban rural section, and there is no existing lighting.

##### Paving on Abbotsford Side of Highway 11

Paving is planned for the asphalt sections of Highway 11, between Harris Road and the Mission bridge on the Abbotsford side, at nighttime during the upcoming spring and summer construction window.

Murray Street Overpass

MOTI has noted a heightened awareness of the Murray Street overpass deck maintenance and potholes, and will be maintaining it as part of their annual maintenance and priorities.

Hatzic Area Study

MOTI has commenced a study of the Hatzic area, and there are plans to continue with increased commitment to this area, noting that this includes Murray Street.

Tracy Kyle advised the Committee of a meeting from last week at the MOTI's head office in which planning for the District's waterfront, future bypass potential, ways to reduce truck traffic on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and North Railway Avenue, and the Murray Street overpass upgrades were discussed. These discussions are planned to continue.

**(c) ICBC Road Safety Updates – Power Point Presentation**

Kate Wochuk presented information to the Committee regarding ICBC's 2019 Road Safety Campaign Calendar as follows;

Pedestrian Safety Campaign (October 2018)

ICBC thanked all the partners around the table for their support and making themselves available locally, at schools, and other various places around the community for handing out campaign pedestrian safety reflectors.

Counter Attack Programs (December 2018)

ICBC worked with local RCMP in an effort to support their Drive Smart campaign. By using the "three legged stool" approach with support from the municipality and local police, they ask the driving public to recognize that everyone has a part in safety when they are on the road. By having the municipality and local police's heightened presence during this campaign time, we create more awareness together.

Distracted Driving (March 2019)

Campaigns come back in March with a lot of energy, advertising, focus and dollars on Distracted Driving. It's highlighted twice annually, and reappears in September, with detachment groups very interested in being involved.

High Risk (May 2019)

Speed is addressed and referred to as "High Risk".

Impaired Driving (July 2019)

July is the summer version of ICBC's winter "Counter Attack Program" (one of two impaired driving campaigns), and is centered on boating as well. ICBC is concerned with drivers getting off boats and into their cars while impaired.

Distracted Driving (September 2019)

In September, the second distracted driving campaign of the year occurs.

Drive Relative to Conditions Campaign, Speed/Pedestrians (October 2019)

This October and November campaign is the second-piece speed campaign before winter. There is a focus on the pedestrian portion, and then in December it shifts again to impaired driving.

Ms. Woochuk also presented the Committee with a demonstration on where ICBC's crash data can be viewed online at [www.ICBC.com](http://www.ICBC.com).

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **(a) 2019 MTTC Meeting Schedule**

The Committee reviewed the 2019 MTTC Meeting Schedule, and a reminder of the coinciding cutoff dates for meeting agenda item submissions was acknowledged by the group.

### **(b) Traffic Safety Strategy**

Arthur Kastelein presented the draft "Traffic Safety Strategy" as part of a Council driven initiative to the Committee. It addresses the District's emerging traffic safety issues through taking a look at the complaints received over the years by the District (in relation to traffic safety), and uses what other municipalities are doing to directly influence traffic safety on and along the roads within its jurisdiction through infrastructure.

The Committee reviewed the draft "Traffic Safety Strategy" which will be presented to Council for consideration in March.

### **(c) Traffic Calming Policy**

Michele Fernie presented the draft "Traffic Calming Policy EPW.32(A) to the Committee. She described the update process, which included a review of other policies, and a comparison to the existing STR.32.

Ms. Fernie requested feedback and comments on the draft policy for consideration into the updated policy. It was noted that the policy would be presented to Council in March.

### **(d) Central Fraser Valley Transit Issues**

The "Central Fraser Valley Transit Issues" submission brought forward by committee member Ken Collier was provided for the Committee's information.

### **(e) BC Transit, Potential Service Changes**

Dan Sommer presented an update to the Committee regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Improvement Project's middle-block bus stop elimination and reinstatement request, and BC Transit's Lisa Trotter confirmed BC Transit's support on the continued effort towards the decision to reinstate.

**Action Item:** District to include the "1<sup>st</sup> Avenue – Update / Messaging of Bus Stops" Old Business item as a continuing item on the MTTC agendas until this matter is resolved.

Discussion ensued regarding BC Transit's team and office in Victoria, and how the work in BC communities, with the exception of Victoria, is contracted out. It was noted that BC municipalities get to decide and set the fare/rates, service priorities, service levels, and how much they are willing to invest, which is unique in Canada.

Ms. Trotter noted that a new facility is being constructed in Abbotsford to service Abbotsford and Mission and will house 50 vehicles and provide a location for vehicle maintenance. This additional bus storage capacity will provide for additional hours to be added to the current Transit system. BC Transit is close to having their draft future plan completed for this Committees consideration before it's finalized for Mayor and Council.

Ms. Trotter presented information to the Committee regarding the improvements made pertaining to physical disability accessibility issues, and the future of BC Transit technology. They are currently in Phase 2 of this launch. A presentation and more information on BC Transit planning will be prepared for this Committee and District Council.

**(f) Follow-up on Discussion on Need for Additional Bus for Certain Portions of the day at Mission Secondary School**

This item was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) Traffic Enquiry Summary**

Michele Fernie presented a summary of the traffic enquiries received by the District, replacing what used to be actual and redacted correspondence received, to the Committee for their consideration.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, April 4, 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 3:30 pm.