

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 7, 2018 commencing at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Danny Plecas, Chair
Councillor Pam Alexis, Vice-Chair
Constable Alyn Beerda, RCMP
Ken Collier, Member at Large, resident of the District of Mission
Jodi Marshall, School District #75
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works
Judith Ray, Mission Association for Seniors Housing
Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services
Constable Reid Trustham, RCMP

Members Absent: Hirod Gill, Manager of Engineering Planning and Design
James Grant, First Transit
Sanjay Gulati, Mission Community Services Society
Kirsten Hargreaves, Manager of Social Development
Alison McDonald, BC Transit
Lisa Trotter, BC Transit
Representative, Mission Association for Community Living
Representative, Mission Youth Committee
Representative, United Way of the Lower Mainland

Others Present: John Belec, Mission Community Cycling Coalition
Ron Coreau, Mission Community Cycling Coalition
Michele Fernie, Asset Technician II
Joan Hendriks, BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization (Branch #28)
David Hill, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
Julie Holmes, Asset Technician
Jay Jackman, Manager of Development Engineering & Projects
Maziar Kazemi, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Deanna Sunder, Administrative Clerk Engineering
Dale Vinnish, Assistant Operations Manager
Wendy Wilson, Mission Community Cycling Coalition
Kate Woochuk, ICBC

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 Thursday, June 7, 2018 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the Thursday, April 5, 2018 meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

(a) Downtown Streetscape Project

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

- **Phase 1 – Horne Street to Welton Street**
All removals are complete, and the concrete has been poured. The remaining items are the landscaping and street lighting.
- **Phase 2 – Welton Street to James Street**
The contractor began work on this section the week of June 11, 2018. Upon completion of the concrete pour, the final section will begin.
- **Phase 3 – James Street to Grand Street**
This phase will begin approximately the end of July 2018.

All new street lighting will be phased into the downtown. The final items on the schedule are the planting of trees and line painting with a target completion date remaining in mid-September.

A number of unresolved issues were raised:

- Bus drivers are not stopping at all bus stop locations on 1st Avenue due to construction. There have been no alerts going out to transit users indicating that a bus stop is unusable or will be out of service.
- A sidewalk on an adjoining street from 2nd Avenue down to 1st Avenue was reported as not walkable due to construction. There was no signage placed on 2nd Avenue informing transit users and pedestrians that the street was not walkable.

ACTION ITEM: The contractor will notify Jay Jackman when a bus stop is being taken out of service. Jay Jackman will then provide the information to Dan Sommer, Mission Traffic and Transit Committee Member. Dan Sommer will provide this information to BC Transit to inform them if a bus stop should be unusable. BC Transit can then use their alert system to inform transit users of these temporary closures.

ACTION ITEM: Jay Jackman will communicate with the contractor regarding better signage and ways to make pedestrian's aware if a road should be unusable. The Ambassador can also be utilized to communicate and help people navigate the worksite.

It was noted that at the recent DBA Annual General Meeting, the consensus of the downtown businesses was that the downtown project has been going very well in terms of the progress of construction and the work of the Ambassador.

(b) 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 committee at the April 5, 2018 meeting.

An update was provided regarding the traffic study completed at this location noting that:

- the intersection of 11th Avenue and Horne Street is an all-way stop controlled intersection;
- the peak hour for vehicle traffic and pedestrian traffic generally coincides with the dismissal time of school;
- during times of lower traffic volumes, some drivers do not comply with the stop signs, preferring to perform a “rolling stop”, and
- sightlines are acceptable for an all-way stop controlled intersection.

It was further discussed that the ICBC crash data was reviewed and it indicated that the average number of accidents has been less than one per year for the last five years. These findings indicate that this intersection is relatively safe, and the number of accidents is generally minimal. Although there is a small amount of non-compliance with the stop sign, it does not appear to be causing a significant amount of accidents.

ACTION ITEM: Michele Fernie will contact the complainant who expressed concerns regarding this intersection at the March 19, 2018 Regular Council and Public Hearing, with the findings from the traffic study.

(c) TransLink 701 Bus Services Update on Weekend Service

Dan Sommer, Director of Development Services, provided an update on increasing the TransLink 701 bus service. Mr. Sommer noted that a source of funding needs to be established before an increase in service can be implemented.

(d) Improvements to 2nd Avenue Transit Shelter and Crosswalks

An application for grant funding for the 2nd Avenue transit shelters has been submitted by the District. Surveying work will commence the week of June 11, 2018 and will be utilized for future design drawings.

Staff will compile quotes for a rapid flashing beacon infrastructure for the crosswalk.

(e) MOTI Projects Update

Maziar Kazemi provided updates on projects that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) is working on in Mission.

Bus Stop in front of West Coast Express

MOTI has engaged Coast Mountain Bus Company Ltd. to provide comments regarding the relocation of the bus stop in front of the West Coast Express; a response is pending.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Kazemi will extend a message to Lisa Trotter at BC Transit in order to get communications between MOTI, BC Transit, and Coast Mountain Bus Company Ltd. moving forward for considerations for this relocation.

Pedestrian Crossing at Welton Street and Railway Avenue

The pedestrian crossing project is now complete.

Highway 7 and Highway 11

Funding has been approved and design is now at 100% completion. Phase 1 includes capacity enhancements from east/north-bound left turn extension. Additionally, phase 2 will include enhancements to the north/west-bound left turn lane.

Mr. Kazemi will provide more information at the next MTTC meeting regarding phase timing and a project start date.

Highway 7 and Dewdney Trunk Road

A traffic study was completed at this location and it was determined that a traffic signal is not warranted at this intersection. MOTI is currently looking at lighting and signage enhancements and/or flashers to increase safety at this intersection.

Discussion ensued about the dangers of the intersection at Highway 7 and Dewdney Trunk Road, including the concern for buses turning left from Dewdney Trunk Road onto Highway 7. Cost sharing with ICBC for safety improvements at this intersection was discussed.

It was noted that removing the traffic signal at the intersection on Highway 7 and Railway crossing is not an option due to Transport Canada's Grade Crossings Regulations.

Highway 7 – Silverdale Avenue to Nelson Street Widening

MOTI has applied for the required Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada permits for this project; construction is expected to begin in mid-July. There will be single lane alternating traffic at night, with 2 minute interval stoppages for trucks entering and leaving the site. Public communications has gone out to stakeholders and the RCMP. Work will begin shortly on the truck turnaround located on Nelson Street. Lastly, it was outlined that signage will be going out for the closure of Chester Street on the north side.

Mission Bridge Paving

The start date for this project is expected to be in August 2018. To minimize traffic impact, the construction will take place at night. MOTI is looking at removing the traffic barriers and will have an extensive traffic management plan to minimize disruption.

Murray Street Overpass

Starting in approximately mid-June, MOTI will be placing permanent concrete patches on the pot holes and will continue to monitor this over the summer and in to the fall and winter if necessary. The work will likely take place during the day, taking a few days to complete.

Glasgow Street at Horne Street Crosswalk

This project is now complete. Positive feedback was provided regarding the new light system at the overpass. The RCMP report they have been doing enforcement to see if drivers are following new traffic patterns. MOTI is also monitoring traffic patterns and reviewing how people are adjusting to the change. MOTI will request feedback from the mall owners. Signage for traffic pattern change has been placed for driver awareness.

The intersection light timing was discussed regarding traffic going northbound over the overpass. Mr. Kazemi advised the intersection has the newest technology, therefore a time of day plan could be utilized to review the signal timing and special considerations can be made. MOTI is welcoming feedback to consider if changes need to be made in timing.

(f) ICBC Road Safety Updates

Kate Woockuck provided the following updates and information to the Committee regarding ICBC's recent, current, and upcoming campaigns:

Pop up Auto Crime Awareness Month (April) - Crime Prevention Partner and an ICBC colleague who attended this event said it was highly successful. Approximately 100 anti-theft Clubs were given away to help prevent auto theft in the community.

High Risk Driving (May) – By working closely with the RCMP and providing enforcement at all times, ICBC is able to bring social media awareness to this project. The focus of the project is speed and infractions and includes enforcement of the Cell Watch program, reducing distracted driving.

Road Safety Presentation at Mission Senior Secondary School – Author of the book, *Fancy Feet*, Heidi Cave, presented to over 800 students at Mission Senior Secondary School about the outcome of her car accident and her road to recovery. It was thought to be a very positive education and experience for Mission students.

CounterAttack (July) – enhanced enforcement moves into August.

Drive SMART (July) – Supporting driver awareness, this is not an enforcement-led campaign, but instead takes the opportunity to advertise that drivers should become more self-aware of the decisions made behind the wheel.

Road Safety Education – presentations available to the Mission community by request:

1. Graduated Licensing Program (GLP) – Driver examiner speak to local schools
2. New to BC - overarching picture of province restrictions, and
3. Enhanced Road Assessment (ERA) – The programs intention is to determine a person's medical fitness to drive. RoadSafetyBC can now require a driver to complete a road test re-examination in which a driver examiner administers a

road test. This presentation introduces the ERA program and is suggested for a senior audience. Four to eight weeks of lead time is needed for preparation and it is recommended that the fall and winter months are the best times to schedule this information-based presentation.

ACTION ITEM: Kate Woochuk will forward information regarding the New to BC presentation to Sanjay Gulati at Mission Community Services Society.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Presentation from the Mission Cycling Coalition (M3C) – The Importance of Sound Cycling Infrastructure in Mission

The Mission Cycling Coalition represents the interests of cyclists and supports long-term planning of cycling infrastructure, amenities, events, and programs in Mission; M3C is a part of a provincial network with the BC Cycling Coalition, which is very active in the province.

Highlights from the M3C presentation include:

- E-bikes – electronic bikes are becoming more popular;
- Millennials – up-and-coming generations want to be more green;
- Community – cycling infrastructure benefits many residents in the community; and
- Changing Workforce – millennials have less need for vehicles in the workforce.

The presentation emphasized the importance of long-term planning for cyclists and how this can benefit Mission residents in various ways; reduction in parking expectations, promotes a healthier lifestyle, as well as children and adults can move around more safely. Success in this requires engineering, education, encouragement and enforcement.

(b) 7th Avenue Bike Lanes Report and Resolution

A staff report to Council dated February 5, 2018 and entitled “7th Avenue Bike Lanes and BikeBC Grant Application” as well as an excerpt of the Regular Council Minutes of March 5, 2018 (resolutions RC18/125, RC18/126, RC18/127, and RC18/128) to rescind resolution 18/072 was provided for the Committee’s information.

Following Council’s approval on February 5, 2018 of Option 1 of the report to implement separated bike lanes on both sides of 7th Avenue from Stave Lake Street to Grand Street, and shared bike lanes on both sides from Grand Street to Cedar Street, Council expressed safety concerns regarding the travel lane widths with the approved plan. On March 5, 2018 Council rescinded resolution 18/072 and approved an alternate design. On May 7, 2018, after further consideration, Council rescinded resolutions RC18/126, RC18/127 and RC18/128, in favor of a more comprehensive bike project, connecting Hatzic area in the east and Wren Street in the west. The Engineering Technologist will be working towards completing a design of the expanded project with funding from next budget cycle. The BikeBC grant application has since been withdrawn.

(c) Sidewalk Program Update 2018

A report to Council dated May 7, 2018 regarding the 2018 Sidewalk Program Update was provided to the Committee for information.

(d) MOTI Fence Replacement – Communities in Bloom

A letter from Mission Communities in Bloom was provided to the Committee for information regarding a request that MOTI increase the level of maintenance and care to the fence located on Murray Street Overpass.

ACTION ITEM: Mr. Kazemi will get back to the Committee regarding what design and upgrades were being considered for the Murray Street Overpass as part of a larger design project and if the fence would be addressed in that design work, or if the community has a right to paint or do upgrades to this fence until it can be addressed on a larger scale.

David Hill, ICBC, left the meeting at 2:43 pm.

(e) Speeding on Henry Avenue

Several concerns regarding speeding on Henry Avenue have been received by staff. Staff will request that the traffic count contractor add this location to their traffic count schedule. If the contractor is unable to complete a study at this location before the school year ends, the count will be completed mid-September.

ACTION ITEM: Michele Fernie will provide an update on this location at the next Committee meeting.

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 4 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 2:52 pm.