



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 4, 2018 commencing at 1:30 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Danny Plecas, Chair
Councillor Pam Alexis, Vice-Chair
Constable Nathan Berce, RCMP
Ken Collier, Member at Large, resident of the District of Mission
Judith Ray, Mission Association for Seniors Housing
Jodi Marshall, School District #75
Heather Andrew, Mission Seniors Activity Center
Tracy Kyle, Director of Engineering & Public Works

Members Absent: Representative, Mission Community Services
Representative, Mission Association for Community Living
Representative, Mission Youth Committee
Representative, United Way Fraser Valley

Others Present: Michele Fernie, Engineering Technologist III – Traffic & Transportation
Joan Hendriks, BC Old Age Pensioners' Organization (Branch #28)
Wendy Wilson, Mission Cycling Coalition
David Hill, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
Kirsten Yaffe, School District #75
Julie Holmes, Asset Technician
Jay Jackman, Manager of Development Engineering and Projects
Kate Woochuk, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved and seconded,

1. That the following item be added to this agenda under "New Business":
 - "Xaytem Left Turn Lane"; and
2. That the October 4, 2018 Mission Traffic and Transit Committee agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Moved and seconded,

That the minutes of the June 7, 2018 meeting of the Mission Traffic and Transit Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. OLD BUSINESS

(a) Speeding on Henry Avenue

The Committee reviewed several reports from residents received through RCMP regarding speeding in the Hatzic area. Staff will be evaluating the traffic throughout all of Hatzic and placing traffic counters in the school zone to review school hours specifically.

Action Item: Staff will send a letter to the school and its Parent Advisory Council advising of the speeding review and neighbourhood study. The complainants who expressed concern regarding speeding within Hatzic will also receive follow up communication.

(b) Hatzic Sidewalk Update

Michele Fernie presented information to the Committee regarding the contracted sanitary installation project along Draper Street. Due to delays because of Hatzic Secondary School's schedule, staff are postponing the Hatzic sidewalk project until 2019. The Hatzic sidewalk project will be incorporated with the Hatzic traffic neighbourhood study referenced above.

Action Item: Staff to include the Hatzic sidewalk project update in the same above mentioned letter to the school and its Parent Advisory Council. The complainants who expressed concern regarding the Hatzic sidewalks to also receive follow up communication.

(c) 1st Avenue – Update / Messaging of Bus Stops

Through the design process of the 1st Avenue Improvement Project, the middle-block bus stop was eliminated, leaving two formalized bus stops remaining along 1st Avenue. There have been requests received by the Mission Seniors Activity Center from transit riders to reinstate the middle-block bus stop, and the associated costs and coordination were noted.

Action Item: Staff will report to Council on re-instating the middle-block bus stop after the current project contract has ended.

(d) 2nd Avenue Update – Bus Shelter Replacement and Safety Upgrades

The project is in its design stage and is on schedule to be completed by the end of 2018. In addition to the funding received from ICBC, BC Transit has obtained third party funding to include a bus shelter funding portion, further reducing the overall costs for the District of Mission.

(e) MOTI Projects Updates

It was noted that the MOTI Committee members were absent from the Committee meeting.

Staff reported that MOTI's Highway 11 bridge paving project has been completed, and also Phase 1 of the upgrading to the intersection of Highways 7 and 11 will be commencing next month. This phase includes upgrades to turning, and increasing the storage for vehicles that are turning.

(f) ICBC Road Safety Updates - Campaigns and PowerPoint Presentation on Pedestrian Safety

Kate Wochuk, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, presented information to the Committee regarding the following campaigns completed over the past three months:

- July – 'CounterAttack Impaired Driving' campaign
 - Included a presence at the MissionFest that focused on finding a safe ride home.
- August – Second annual 'Drive Smart' campaign
 - Focused on all around awareness, including the top three factors causing crashes.
 - Driver refresher tests were offered with questions pulled right off of the actual driver knowledge tests.
 - Last year saw around 30 thousand participants, and this year it rose in success to 140 thousand participants looking at their own behaviors.
- September – 'Back to School' and 'Distractions' campaigns
 - Included a think of me campaign of positive ticketing, and Operation Hang Up that made it almost impossible for a driver not to know to put your phone down.

It was noted that the October 'Pedestrian Safety' campaign consists of volunteers and police targeting the biggest target audience – the general population in business clothing and/or all black – not looking to see if they are being seen. October's campaign is set for October 11, 2018 at the Mission West Coast Express station.

It was noted that no PowerPoint presentation followed, however if any partnering agencies desire road safety education presentations, they can be provided for ICBC's Licensing program, New to BC program, and the Enhanced Road Assessment for Seniors program. The next and reoccurring Road Assessment for Seniors program presentation is set for November 1, 2018 at the Mission Seniors' Centre.

Action Item: The RCMP will gather information in relation to ICBC campaigns for inclusion on the District's website.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Traffic Calming Policy

Staff are reviewing and updating the existing Traffic Calming Policy for Council's consideration. To date, the policy has never been updated, nor does it take road classifications into consideration. Until the new policy has been completed and approved, all traffic calming requests are on hold. The policy will align with the

existing Local Area Service Policy by creating the warranty of local service area funding.

It was noted that ICBC promotes funding for traffic calming – usually \$1,000 to \$2,000.

(b) Jimmy's Lunchbox – Pedestrian Concerns

Discussions ensued regarding pedestrian safety on Bridge Street at Jimmy's Lunchbox. Patrons are forced to park on the opposite side of Bridge Street once the parking on the restaurant side of the street runs out. Additionally, there is a "no parking" sign on Bridge Street where it intersects with London Avenue, and another sign stating patrons can't park anywhere else except the designated cross street area.

Action Item: Michele Fernie will conduct a site visit to determine if/what safety improvements are required.

(c) Changes to Intersection Safety Camera Program

It was noted that the intersection safety camera positioned on Lougheed Highway will be changed as of the date of this meeting to issue tickets to the owner of the vehicle regardless of who is driving it. The camera was also upgraded to staying active from intermittently to twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

(d) Rai Avenue – Pedestrian Safety After Dark

The Committee reviewed a request by pedestrians of the Sikh Community to install additional lighting on Rai Avenue in the area of Walmart.

It was noted the one streetlight in the area belongs to the District, and that this is a light industrial area that is not heavily trafficked. BC Hydro recently added a streetlight beside the bus stop there, and looked at trimming some bushes and other things that can improve people's feeling of safety.

Action Item: Staff will work with BC Hydro to see if there can be more lighting installed and will report back to the Committee.

(e) Ambassador Program – Acknowledging the Volunteers

It was noted that the Ted and ECG ambassadors providing volunteer assistance for the 1st Avenue Improvement Project received positive feedback from the residents they assisted along the street during construction.

Moved and seconded,

That Tracy Kyle prepare a thank you letter to the Ted and ECG volunteer ambassadors for all the services they provided.

CARRIED

(f) 14th Avenue – Resident Meeting Outcome / Improvements / Ties to Staff Report

Michele Fernie presented information to the Committee regarding an update to the May 7, 2018 report to Council, "Sidewalk Program Update 2018", Council approved the recommendation within this report to include sidewalk installation on 14th Avenue for consideration with the 2019 budget discussions. Ms. Fernie explained that sidewalks should really be part of a larger capital project, including road upgrading and improvements to the signals at Cedar Street and 14th Avenue. Staff will be reporting back to Council and include conceptual drawings.

Concerns have been raised by residents, and the design of the road will attempt to address speeding concerns.

Discussion ensued regarding implementation of 50 km speed limit signs on 14th Avenue. Staff will investigate a program involving relocation of the speed reader board from Stave Lake Street to 14th Avenue as part of a speed reader program.

Kate Woochuk, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, presented information to the Committee regarding ICBC's three strike program, which combines the use of a speed watch volunteer or speed reader board, and police to issue inoffensive tickets, and bring awareness back to the driver.

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

A petition has been received through the mayor's office requesting the relocation of two bus stops, one on 11th Avenue, and one in Hatzic.

It was noted that more consultation and a meeting with BC Transit and other stakeholders should commence in advance to any decisions made regarding changing the bus stops.

Moved and seconded,

That staff work with BC Transit to determine the logistics surrounding moving a stop, and why they are there to begin with, and that no funds be spent prior to more consultation due to the 2,500 plus hours being introduced into this system in the future.

CARRIED

(h) Cedar Valley Connector – Safety Concerns

The Committee discussed a recent accident whereby a vehicle travelling southbound on Cedar Valley Connector lost control and left the road, nearly crashing into a townhouse complex on the east side. Staff subsequently met with a strata representative of the complex to discuss options to improve safety on this road.

It was noted that this is the third accident in the last few years on Cedar Valley Connector, and therefore staff will be preparing a report to Council to request funding for traffic safety improvements in this area. This will be in addition to any funding from ICBC.

(i) RCMP – School Zones and Speeding Update

The Committee discussed the issue of drivers not slowing down or stopping at intersections, specifically at Cade Barr Street and Cherry Avenue (near Edwin S.

Richards Elementary School). The installation of larger stop signs was discussed, however it was determined that since the intersection is relatively flat and straight which improve visibility, bigger stop signs are not warranted. Speedbumps also are not a viable option, as drivers should be stopping at stop signs, not slowing down. Roundabouts could be considered as an option.

Action Item: Michele Fernie will conduct a school zone traffic study that will include the above referenced school.

(j) **Speeding on Kenney Avenue, Harms Street, and Cherry Avenue**

It was noted that Harms Street was referenced in error, and that it should have been Cade Barr Street. This agenda item was addressed in the RCMP's School Zones and Speeding Update discussion.

(k) **Xaytem Left Turn Lane**

The Committee reviewed the information received from Jodi Marshall, School District #75, with regards to the installation of a no west bound left turning lane for the busloads of kids frequenting the Xaytem Longhouse Interpretive Centre on Lougheed Highway. Currently, buses are required to travel down Lougheed Highway and past Xaytem to Shook Street or Sylvester Road to avoid backing up traffic along Lougheed Highway. The Committee discussed the need for a left turn lane into the Xaytem Longhouse Interpretive Centre.

Action Item: Tracy Kyle will document and forward these concerns to the MOTI in light of their absence, and obtain the logistics and financial details involved with the Committee's request for a left turn lane. Those details will be provided to the Committee at a future 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, December 6, 2018 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.