



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, 2016 March 01

An 'Open' meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Tuesday, 2016 March 01 at 6:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Paul McDonell, Chair
Councillor Pietro Calendino, Vice Chair
Councillor James Wang, Member
Mr. John Artuso, Citizen Representative
Mr. Stephen Baron, Senior Citizen Representative
Mr. Rick Claybo, Coast Mountain Bus Company Representative
Mr. Eric Laity, Citizen Representative
Ms. Jen Mezei, District Parent Advisory Council Representative
Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade
Mr. Ken Robb, Burnaby HUB Representative
Mr. Nik Vizniak, Citizen Representative
Mr. Tom Webster, ICBC Representative

STAFF: Mr. Stu Ramsey, Manager - Transportation Planning
Mr. Doug Louie, Assistant Director Engineering, Transportation
S/Sgt Gerard Sokolowski, Burnaby RCMP
Ms. Eva Prior, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. MINUTES

a) **Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee
held on 2015 December 01**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG
SECONDED BY MR. LAITY

THAT the minutes of the 'Open' meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee held on 2015 December 01 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATION

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the delegation be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Mr. Warren Dollery
Re: Pedestrian Safety at Madison Avenue and Parker Street

Mr. Warren Dollery appeared before the Committee expressing concerns regarding pedestrian safety at the intersection of Parker Street and Madison Avenue. Mr. Dollery has observed vehicles speeding through the crosswalk and the near miss of a pedestrian.

The speaker requested that the Committee consider installing an overhead pedestrian crosswalk light to provide motorists with enhanced visibility of the crosswalk.

The Committee requested that item 5.a) be brought forward at this time.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY MS. MEZEI

THAT the report 5.a) be brought forward for consideration at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. REPORT

MOVED BY MR. LAITY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the report be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Report from Director Engineering
Re: Crosswalk – Parker Street at Madison Avenue

A report was received from the Director Engineering reviewing pedestrian safety concerns at the intersection of Parker Street and Madison Avenue. The report advised that a review was conducted and that conditions had not changed

substantially since the last review in 2013, and that the existing marked crosswalk was still the most appropriate traffic control at this time.

The report recommended that parking along Parker Street be restricted within 20 metres of the crosswalk to maintain good sightlines between pedestrians and motorists, and arrangements are being made for their installation.

The Committee advised that Parker Street has become a means of bypassing Hastings Street by motorists, thereby increasing the motor vehicle traffic. The Committee requested that the City install overhead illuminated crosswalk signs at the intersection of Parker Street and Madison Avenue. Staff had no objections to this recommendation.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the Committee receive this report for information.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Warren Dollery, 7035 Union Street, Burnaby, BC, V5A 1H8.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT the recommendations of the Director Engineering be adopted.

AMENDED

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER

THAT the recommendation 1 be AMENDED to include the following:

THAT Council approve the installation of overhead illuminated crosswalk signs at the intersection of Parker Street and Madison Avenue as detailed in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A vote was then held on the motion as moved by Councillor Wang and seconded by Councillor Calendino being that 'THAT the recommendations of the Director Engineering be adopted', AS AMENDED and same was CARRIED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The normal of order of the agenda resumed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY MR. LAITY

SECONDED BY MR. ARTUSO

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**a) Correspondence from Warren Dollery
Re: Pedestrian Crossing Concerns at
Madison Avenue and Parker Street**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Warren Dollery expressing concern for pedestrians crossing Parker Street at Madison Avenue.

This item of correspondence was dealt with previously on the agenda.

**b) Correspondence from Rod Santiago
Re: Pedestrian Safety on Bartlett Court**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Rod Santiago expressing concern for pedestrian safety on Bartlett Court.

Mr. Santiago was particularly concerned about the safety of children and parents walking to and from school. The writer advised that vehicles are entering and existing two driveway accesses to multi-family residential units at the end of Bartlett Court, at a high rate of speed.

Staff undertook to contact Mr. Santiago to determine the exact location on Bartlett Court of the requested pedestrian crosswalk. Staff will also conduct a traffic count review of the area.

**c) Correspondence from Cathy Griffin
Re: Cycling and Pedestrian Concerns in the Underhill Avenue Area**

Correspondence was received from Cathy Griffin advising of pedestrian and cyclist safety issues along Underhill Avenue at Broadway and Eastlake Drive.

Staff advised that the existing signal at Underhill Avenue and Broadway utilizes video detection to trigger the light and should be able to detect a southbound cyclist.

Staff undertook to conduct a traffic count review on Underhill Avenue to determine if the intersection of Underhill Avenue and Eastlake Drive meets the warrants to install a traffic signal.

Staff undertook to respond to the author.

**d) Correspondence from Christian Leblanc
Re: Pedestrian Safety at 4321 Still Creek Drive**

Correspondence was received from Christian Leblanc requesting assistance to increase pedestrian safety at the crosswalk at 4321 Still Creek Drive. The author advised that vehicles regularly travel at higher than posted speed limits and that they are not voluntarily stopping for pedestrians waiting to cross.

Staff advised that the City has installed a downlite pedestrian sign at this crosswalk and have also installed 'safe hits' to mitigate vehicles bypassing each other.

Based on recent speed and visibility studies staff are investigating the future consideration of on-street parking to narrow the road and the installation of curb bulges.

Staff undertook to respond to the author. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade undertook to follow-up with the business manager for the area.

**e) Correspondence from Doug Louie,
Assistant Director Engineering, Transportation Services
Re: Response to Josh Cairns Regarding Burnaby Mountain Parkway
between Centennial Way and Gaglardi Way**

A memorandum was received from Doug Louie, Assistant Director Engineering, Transportation Services in response to a letter from Josh Cairns outlining concerns along Burnaby Mountain Parkway.

Mr. Louie advised that street lights will be installed in either 2016 or 2017 along Burnaby Mountain Parkway and that the City have recently installed new street lights along Gaglardi Way. With respect to the catch basins, the City will be placing short painted white guidelines on the pavement in advance of the catch basin and a reflective pavement marker on the curb face adjacent to the catch basin to highlight the potential hazard for cyclists.

f) Correspondence from Maria Marano
Re: Prohibited Left Turn from Hastings Street to Duthie Avenue

Correspondence was received from Maria Marano requesting that staff investigate the possibility of removing the left turn restriction, west bound from Hastings Street onto Duthie Avenue.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY MR. REDEKOP
SECONDED BY MR. LAITY

THAT this item of correspondence be REFERRED to staff for review.

CARRIED

OPPOSED

MR. ROBB
MR. BARON
MS. MEZEI

4. REPORTS

a) Report from Director Engineering
Re: Crosswalk – Parker Street at Madison Avenue

This agenda item was dealt with previously in the meeting.

Cory Redekop retired from the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and did not return.

4. NEW BUSINESS

John Artuso

Mr. Artuso requested that the City introduce HOV only hours on Hastings Street that are consistent with those in Vancouver and/or converting the HOV lanes to bus only lanes during rush hour

Staff advised that the request regarding consistent HOV hours was dealt with previously through a report to the Transportation Committee. Staff also noted that Council's recent direction was to look into removing the HOV lanes from Hastings Street to allow for full-time street parking.

Mr. Artuso inquired as to the status of the intersection at Gilmore Avenue and Loughheed Highway.

Staff advised that the City has acquired the required land to allow for improvements to the north leg of the intersection. Those improvements will be scheduled in the capital works program. A specific construction year is not known at this time.

Jen Mezei

Ms. Mezei requested that a representative from the Committee attend the District Parent Advisory Council meeting scheduled for May 30, to present on Traffic Safety.

Staff will follow-up with Ms. Mezei's regarding her request.

Nik Vizniak

Mr. Vizniak requested staff investigate the road condition of the 6300 block of Thorne Avenue.

Staff undertook to investigate.

5. INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries brought forward at this time.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MR. LAITY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Eva Prior
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Paul McDonell
CHAIR

