

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

An 'Open' meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee was held in Council Chamber, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC on Tuesday, **2014 December 02** at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, In the Chair  
Councillor Anne Kang, Vice Chair  
Mr. John Artuso, Citizen Representative  
Mr. Rick Claybo, Coast Mountain Bus Company Representative  
Mr. Ashak Dhanani, Senior Citizen Representative  
Ms. Natalie Gobis Cutayne, School District Representative  
Mr. Bob Heslop, District Parent Advisory Council Representative  
Mr. Eric Laity, Citizen Representative  
Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade Representative  
Mr. Nikita Vizniak, Citizen Representative  
Mr. Tom Webster, ICBC Representative

PRESENT: Councillor Pietro Calendino, Member

STAFF: Mr. Stuart Ramsey, Manager Transportation Planning  
Mr. Doug Louie, Assistant Director Engineering, Traffic & Parking Management  
Sgt. Dave Bell, Burnaby RCMP  
Ms. Eva Prior, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Chair welcomed Sgt. Dave Bell, Burnaby RCMP who has taken the place of S/Sgt. Pat Reilly. S/Sgt. Reilly has been transferred to the UBC RCMP detachment.

**1. MINUTES**

- (a) **Minutes of the Open meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee held on 2014 September 02**

**MOVED BY MR. ARTUSO:**

**SECONDED BY MR. LAITY:**

"THAT the minutes of the Traffic Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2014 September 02 be adopted."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **2. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS**

MOVED BY MR. DHANANI:

SECONDED BY MR. REDEKOP:

“THAT the correspondence and reports be received.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**(a) Correspondence from Jim Favaro**

**Re: Traffic Light at Smith Avenue and Kincaid Street**

Correspondence was received from Jim Favaro expressing appreciation for the installation of a traffic light at Smith Avenue and Kincaid Street.

**(b) Correspondence from Jenni Stewart**

**Re: Request for Drop-off Zone on Hastings Street  
In Front of Norburn Medical Centre**

Correspondence was received from Jenni Stewart requesting a drop-off zone in front of the Norburn Medical Centre on Hastings Street.

The writer described elderly or ably challenged individuals attending the clinic being dropped off in a no stopping area in front of the bus stop resulting in unsafe situations. The writer requested replacing the first parking spot in front of the bus stop with a short-term passenger drop-off / pick up zone.

The Committee requested that staff implement a three minute passenger loading/unloading zone in front of Norburn Medical Centre, 4012 Hastings Street. This would not be in effect during peak rush hours, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY MR. VIZNIAK:

SECONDED BY MR. LAITY:

“THAT staff create a three minute passenger loading/unloading zone in front of 4012 Hastings Street.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Staff undertook to communicate with Coast Mountain Bus Company regarding the feasibility of moving the eastbound bus stop at 4012 Hastings, a few metres west to accommodate for the passenger loading/unloading zone.

(c) **Correspondence from Richard T. Lee, MLA Burnaby North**  
**Re: Request for Drop-off Zone on Hastings Street**  
**In Front of Norburn Medical Centre**

Correspondence was received from Richard T. Lee regarding the need for a drop-off/pick-up zone in front of the Norburn Medical Centre on Hastings Street.

This item of correspondence was addressed previously under item 2(b).

(d) **Correspondence from Norburn Medical Associates**  
**Re: Request for Drop-off Zone on Hastings Street**  
**In Front of Norburn Medical Centre**

Correspondence was received from the Norburn Medical staff expressing concern for the safety of the patients using their facility and requesting consideration for a short-term drop off zone in front of the bus stop.

This item of correspondence was addressed previously under item 2(b).

(e) **Correspondence from Bill Johns, Parking Services Supervisor**  
**Re: Copy of Correspondence Sent to George Mah**  
**Regarding Permit Parking Meters – 3800 Sunset Street**

A copy of the correspondence sent to George Mah from Bill Johns, Parking Services Supervisor, was received. Mr. Johns advised that the dome caps of the six permit meters that revert to residential parking on the 3800 block of Sunset Street, have now been painted a different colour. The colour contrast will differentiate the residential meters from the regular meters.

This action was taken in response to correspondence received from Mr. Mah at the Traffic Safety Committee meeting held on 2014 September 2<sup>nd</sup>. To lessen confusion, Mr. Mah requested that the City investigate the feasibility of painting the dome caps on the parking meters used by the general public until 4:00 p.m. on weekdays.

(f) **Correspondence from Rohini Chand and John Shen**  
**Re: Concerns Regarding Traffic Safety at**  
**Canada Way and Imperial Street**

Correspondence was received from Rohini Chand and John Shen expressing concern with the manner in which vehicles are turning onto Imperial Street from Canada Way.

Mr. Shen and Ms. Chand reside at 7699 Imperial Street, on the north west corner of Canada Way. The correspondents advised that due to the speed of vehicles proceeding from Canada Way onto Imperial Street, it has become very dangerous to enter and exit their driveway. Mr. Shen also expressed concern regarding trucks that are off tracking onto the sidewalk.

Staff advised that they will investigate visibility concerns, additional signage and the turning radius of this intersection. Staff undertook to correspond with Mr. Shen and Ms. Chand.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY MR. REDEKOP:

SECONDED BY MR. LAITY:

“THAT is item of correspondence be referred to staff.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**(g) Correspondence from Councillor Calendino**  
**Re: Email received from Roy Nosella and Joe Hyde**  
**Traffic Management on Government Street**

An email was received from Councillor Calendino detailing traffic safety concerns at Government Road and Phillips Avenue conveyed to him by Roy Nosella and Joe Hyde.

Staff advised that a large checkerboard sign, with left and right arrows, has been installed on the boulevard in front of Mr. Nosella's home to draw further attention to the T-intersection.

**(h) Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk**  
**Re: Correspondence from Mike Bird**  
**Regarding Road Safety Enforcement**

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that under the New Business portion of the Open Council meeting held on 2014 October 06, Council made reference to an email from Mike Bird regarding the by-law enforcement of cycling infractions in Burnaby. Council referred this item of correspondence to the Traffic Safety Committee for review.

Staff advised the Committee that the RCMP conduct enforcement guided by strategic priorities, one of which is Road Safety. Enforcement efforts are further focussed on Impaired and Distracted Drivers as they have been identified as the main contributors to the most serious accidents causing injuries and deaths.

Staff undertook to contact the Mr. Bird.

**(i) Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk**  
**Re: Correspondence from Allen Lee**  
**Request for Sidewalks Along Humphries and Mary Streets**

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that under the New Business portion of the Open Council meeting held on 2014 November 20, Council made reference to correspondence from Allen Lee regarding the need for proper sidewalks for

Humphries and Mary Avenues between Edmonds Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Council referred this item of correspondence to the Traffic Safety Committee.

Sidewalks along local streets are typically installed as part of a Local Area Service Program in conjunction with constructing the street to a final standard with curb and gutter.

Staff undertook to increase parking bylaw enforcement in the block of Humphries Avenue, between Edmonds Street and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Staff will also contact Mr. Lee and provide him with information regarding the Local Area Service Program.

**(j) Report from the Director Engineering**  
**Re: Lighting in the Lane behind 6169 Canada Way**

A report was received from the Director Engineering in response to a request for lighting in the rear lane by Jaswant Girm of 6169 Canada Way.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the Committee endorse the installation of 2 street lights in the lane behind 6169 Canada Way.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KANG:  
SECONDED BY MR. HESLOP:

“THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**(k) Report from the Director Engineering**  
**Re: 2015 Local Area Service Program For Speed Humps**

A report was received from the Director Engineering reviewing applications for the 2015 speed hump program and recommending streets that should proceed to the Local Area Service Program process.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the Committee recommend that Council advance the requested speed humps, as discussed and recommended in this report, to the 2015 LASP process.
2. THAT the Committee recommend that Council send a copy of this report to the residents who requested speed humps as part of the 2015 LASP.

MOVED BY MR. DHANANI:  
SECONDED BY MR. ARTUSO:

“THAT the recommendations of the Director Engineering be adopted.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arising from discussion, the Committee requested that staff investigate the feasibility of installing 'no parking' and 'limited vision 30 km/h' signage along the curve in the 8200 block of Burnlake Drive. Due to the curve motorists are unable to see pedestrians, particularly children, who are walking on the road.

**(I) Correspondence from Raimund Stamm**

**Re: Pedestrian Safety Concerns at Winston and Phillips**

Correspondence was received from Raimund Stamm expressing traffic safety concerns at the corner of Winston and Phillips. Mr. Stamm described two incidents where he was using the marked crosswalk with lights and had to duck from speeding cars turning onto Phillips. Mr. Stamm also described a few occasions where he was turning into his driveway on Phillips and had near rear end collisions from traffic turning onto Phillips from Winston at unsafe speeds.

Staff advised that they have responded to Mr. Stamm. Staff will investigate the feasibility of a Local Area Service Project at this intersection by undertaking traffic and pedestrian counts. Staff will continue to correspond with the author.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**Ashak Dhanani**

Mr. Dhanani requested that staff investigate potholes on Humphries and Mary Avenues, near Edmonds Street.

Staff advised that they will pass the information onto street crews in the area. Citizens are encouraged to convey their concerns directly to the Engineering Department.

Mr. Dhanani advised that some citizens have requested that the City install a full pedestrian light at Curle Avenue and Canada Way. Mr. Dhanani suggested that a letter be written to the City regarding this request.

Staff will undertake to investigate upon receipt of the correspondence.

**John Artuso**

Mr. Artuso queried the installation of a signal light at Alpha Avenue and Loughheed Highway, and the timing of lights on Loughheed Highway to maintain through traffic.

Staff advised that due to the development at Brentwood, the light was necessitated to increase access to the site.

**Nikita Vizniak**

Mr. Vizniak requested that staff investigate drainage concerns at Marine Drive and Byrnespark Drive. Water is flowing across the roadway and freezing, causing dangerous driving conditions.

Staff undertook to investigate.

Mr. Vizniak advised that high traffic volumes are a concern at Market Crossing and Byrne Road. It is extremely difficult for motorists attempting to turn left or right from Market Crossing onto Byrne Road due to high volumes of traffic.

Staff advised that this intersection is on a list for potential traffic light installation.

**John Artuso**

Mr. Artuso requested that staff investigate water surfacing on the pavement at the apex of Gagliardi Way on the curve.

Staff undertook to investigate.

**5. INQUIRIES**

**Tom Webster**

Mr. Webster informed the Committee that the recent Pedestrian Safety Campaign was very successful with 180,000 reflectors handed out.

Operation Red Nose is underway and the City of Burnaby volunteers will be assisting on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Chair thanked all of the Committee members for their service and dedication to the City over the past year.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY MR. LAITY:

SECONDED BY MR. DHANANI:

“THAT the Open meeting do now adjourn.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.