



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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, 2015 March 03 at 6:00 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Paul McDonell, Chair
Councillor Pietro Calendino, Vice Chair
Councillor James Wang, Member
Mr. Tom Webster, ICBC Representative
Mr. Bob Heslop, District Parent Advisory Council
Mr. Harjit Sidhu-Kambo, Coast Mountain Bus Company
Mr. Corey Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade
Mr. Stephen Baron, Senior Citizen Representative
Mr. Eric Laity, Citizen Representative
Mr. John Artuso, Citizen Representative
Mr. Nikita Vizniak, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Ms. Natalie Gobis Cutayne, School Board Representative

STAFF: Mr. Stuart Ramsey, Manager Transportation Planning
Mr. Doug Louie, Assistant Director Engineering, Transportation
Ms. Lynne Axford, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. MINUTES

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

MOVED BY MR. E. LAITY:

SECONDED BY MR. C. REDEKOP:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO:
SECONDED BY MR. E. LAITY:

“THAT the Committee bring forward Item 4 a) and b) for consideration at this time.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **DELEGATIONS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO:
SECONDED BY MR. E. LAITY:

“THAT the delegations be heard.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a) **Mr. Norman Eyford, President Scandinavian Community Centre Society**
Re: Traffic Safety Concerns Kensington Avenue and Thomas Street
Speaker: Mr. Eyford

Mr. Eyford, President, Scandinavian Community Centre Society appeared as a delegation on behalf of his membership to provide feedback following the completion of Kensington Avenue and the overpass project. The speaker noted that a meeting took place on 2014 December 23 with Ernst Boeder, Operations Maintenance and Rehab Technician for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for the Lower Mainland District. As a result, topics for consideration regarding traffic safety improvements to the intersection were identified as follows:

- paint the crosswalk to make drivers more aware it is a shared pathway
- improve lighting
- increase signage

Mr. Eyford expressed satisfaction with the overpass upgrades completed by the City, and that points raised above are in response to further mitigate matters of safety.

The Committee agreed that feedback from the Ministry of Transportation would be worthwhile as the crosswalk falls under their jurisdiction.

Staff undertook to contact Mr. Boeder at the Ministry to further discuss this matter.

The Committee thanked Mr. Eyford for taking the time to appear as a delegation.

b) Mr. Terry MacDonald, Brentwood Park Ratepayers
Re: Brentwood Traffic Systems
Speaker: Mr. MacDonald

Mr. MacDonald, Brentwood Park Ratepayers appeared as a delegation as a follow up to correspondence submitted 2014 April 08 and the Manager's response dated 2014 June 27 regarding multi and single family traffic systems. Mr. MacDonald provided a history of proposed and future Community Plans, Plan Amendments, proposed traffic patterns and road closures and his involvement in the process dating back to 1971. The speaker questioned whether design standards were being met within the Beta and Brentlawn area, and expressed concern for existing traffic policies emphasizing the need to close Beta Ave due to increased accidents.

Mr. MacDonald noted that a meeting of residents from the Brentwood Park community would take place in the near future to obtain a consensus of their priorities moving forward.

Staff advised that in the span of 20 – 30 years, various Councils through public process have been involved in numerous decisions to the area. In addition, staff noted a recent comprehensive review and comparison to other local collectors was completed showing a normal rate of 3,000 vehicles per day with average speeds of 51-52 km. The study concluded that this area does not warrant action over other areas within the City as volumes are lower than the previous year. Staff highlighted changes that will be taking place at the end of Beta Ave. these include; installation of curb bulges, a meridian in the center and special cross walk as a traffic calming measure.

Staff advised Mr. MacDonald that they would be willing to meet with community residents to discuss the matter.

The Chair thanked Mr. MacDonald for appearing before the Committee outlining his concerns and advised that a transportation plan will be developed for Burnaby where citizens will have an opportunity to provide input.

The normal order of the meeting resumed.

3. PRESENTATION

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR J. WANG:

"THAT the presentation be heard."

a) **Stu Ramsey, Manager, Transportation Planning**
Re: Town Centre Public Realm

Stu Ramsey, Manager, Transportation Planning, appeared before the Committee providing a presentation regarding public realm design standards for streets in Burnaby's four Town Centres.

Design standards for the Town Centres arose from Council's 2010 adoption of the *Supplementary Community Benefit Bonus Density Policy*. The policy outlined a goal of enhancing livability through "additional community amenities to support and service residents and businesses in Town Centres".

The application of the Town Centre public realm design standards have been developed through the rezoning process within Town Centres. Input from Council, City staff, developers, architects, engineers, and residents have helped to shape the standards. The vision is to foster a sense of pride in the community and strengthen a sense of place through:

- improving safety, access, environment, aesthetics;
- being environmentally, socially and economically sustainable, by adding to the natural landscape, reducing waste, conserving resources, and working with natural systems;
- establishing priorities and using design standards;
- creating enjoyable and safe environments for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and the general travelling public; and
- ensuring safety, accessibility and inclusion for people of all ages and abilities.

The principles guiding the streetscape designs include the re-creation of the 'living room' where people can gather and socialize; the need to be appealing and interesting; 'complete streets' which allow safe travel regardless of a person's mode of transport, gender or ability; an emphasis on local community; and enhancement of the environment.

Design standards have been developed to enhance the quality of the public realm on streets in Burnaby's four Town Centres to support vibrant communities, thriving economies and healthy environments.

The Committee thanked Mr. Ramsey for his interesting and informative presentation.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY MR. J. ARTUSO:
SECONDED BY MR. C. REDEKOP:

"THAT the correspondence be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a) **Correspondence from Norman Eyford, President,
Scandinavian Community Centre Society**
**Re: Traffic Safety Concerns at Kensington Avenue and
Thomas Street**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Norman Eyford, President, Scandinavian Community Centre Society outlining possible traffic safety improvement ideas at Kensington Avenue approaching Thomas Street for consideration.

- b) **Correspondence from Michelle Lee**
Re: Traffic Safety on Willingdon Overpass

Correspondence was received from Michelle Lee expressing concerns for traffic safety on Willingdon Avenue.

Staff advised they will continue to make efforts to contact Ms. Lee to further discuss the matter.

- c) **Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk**
**Re: Lighted Pedestrian Crossing At
Dunblane Avenue and Imperial Street Intersection**

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that Mr. T. Gibbens inquired as to when a lighted pedestrian crossing will be installed at the Dunblane/Imperial Street intersection.

Arising from discussion, Council adopted the following motion:

1. THAT the matter of a lighted pedestrian crossing at the Dunblane Avenue/Imperial Street intersection be REFERRED to the Traffic Safety Committee.

Arising from discussion, the Committee introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO:
SECONDED BY MR. J. ARTUSO:

“THAT this item of correspondence be **REFFERRED** to staff for review.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY MR. C. REDEKOP
SECONDED BY MR. E. LAITY

"THAT the reports be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Report from Director Engineering
Re: Canada Way and Rayside Street

A report was received by the Director Engineering recommending the installation of permanent left turn restrictions at the intersection of Canada Way and Rayside Street.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the trial left turns restrictions at the intersection of Canada Way and Rayside St be made permanent to enhance traffic safety.
2. THAT a copy of the report be sent to affected property owners within the Rayside community.

MOVED BY MR. J. ARTUSO
SECONDED BY MR. T. WEBSTER

"THAT the recommendations of the Director Engineering be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Report from Director Engineering
Re: Traffic Concerns from Rezoning
7174 Barnet Road

A report was received from the Director Engineering reviewing traffic safety concerns arising from a rezoning application for 7174 Barnet Road.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the Committee received this report for information.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR J. WANG

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. J. Artuso

Mr. Artuso advised that a depression had appeared in the right hand lane on Gaglardi Way as you come down the hill onto the straight portion leading to Broadway, which is also located directly adjacent to the 60 km road sign.

Staff undertook to investigate.

Councillor P. McDonell

Councillor P. MacDonell expressed concern for traffic flow safety due to the number of near misses at the south corner of Marine Way at Meadow Avenue onto Byrne Road and requested consideration for a checker board crosswalk at this location.

Staff undertook to investigate.

8. INQUIRIES

No inquiries were brought before the Committee at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MR. N.VIZIAK:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR J. WANG:

“THAT the 'Open' meeting do now adjourn.”

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.