



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, 2016 May 03 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. Harjit Sidhu-Kambo, 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

ABSENT: Mr. Corey Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade

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 6:05 p.m.

2. MINUTES

- a) **Minutes of the Traffic Safety Committee Meeting held on 2016 March 01.**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY MR. BARON

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee held on 2016 March 01 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **DELEGATION**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY MR. ARTUSO

THAT the delegation be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Ms. Debra Sutherland, Brent Garden Strata Council**
Re: Traffic Safety Concerns on Halifax Street

Ms. Debra Sutherland, Brent Garden Strata (4353, 4363 and 4373 Halifax Street) and Louise Kawaler, Polaris Strata (4425 Halifax Street) appeared before the Committee expressing concerns regarding pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular safety on Halifax Street.

The speakers indicated that traffic has increased in volume and speed along Halifax Street between Willingdon Avenue and Douglas Road resulting in increased risk to pedestrians, particularly school children and seniors. The speaker feels that this portion of Halifax Street is being used by commuters to bypass Loughheed Highway. The delegation also expressed concern that the traffic will continue to increase as the density in the area grows through further development.

Ms. Kawaler discussed the high traffic volumes at 1st and Gilmore Avenues as well as the congestion caused by the driveway off Madison Avenue, north of Loughheed, into the Staples parking lot.

The delegation requested the following solutions:

- Speed humps on Halifax Street;
- Dedicated curb lanes for entering/exiting residential parkades;
- Lowered speed limit;
- Restricted left turn onto Rosser Avenue during a.m. and p.m. rush hours;
- Full traffic light and crosswalks installed at the intersection of Douglas, Madison and Halifax;
- Increased RCMP speed enforcement; and
- Removal of SkyTrain street parking on Halifax.

Staff informed the delegation of the proposed changes to the intersection of 1st Avenue, Gilmore Avenue and Douglas Road, advising that the changes will be implemented once development in the area has been completed.

Traffic counts were conducted at the intersection of Douglas Road, Halifax Avenue and Madison Avenue and the findings indicated that a crosswalk is not

currently warranted across the east-west through movement along Douglas/Halifax. However, a crosswalk (parallel lines) can be marked across the south leg across Madison which is currently stop sign controlled. Staff will continue to monitor the intersection to see if/when a pedestrian crosswalk or signal may be warranted across the east-west through movement of Douglas/Halifax. Staff will also install a crosswalk (parallel lines) on the south leg of Rosser Avenue at Halifax Street to help guide pedestrians and forewarn motorists. In regard to the entrance into the businesses at the north/west corner of Madison and Loughheed, motorists travelling north on Madison Avenue are already restricted from making a left turn into the parking lot during peak traffic hours.

Staff advised that Halifax Street is classified as a *Major Collector Route* which does not allow for speed hump installation. A restricted left turn from Halifax Street onto Rosser Avenue is not recommended as this would restrict access to residences and businesses in the area. The installation of dedicated lanes for entering/exiting residential parkades is also not recommended because it may increase congestion and create more of a hazard.

Staff undertook to request that ICBC and RCMP conduct SpeedWatch sessions on this section of Halifax Street in an effort to slow motorists down and bring attention to the allowable speed limits for the area.

RCMP advised that while conducting speed checks, they have also observed that pedestrians are not utilizing the crosswalks.

In conclusion, staff will mark the east/west crosswalks on the south leg of Rosser Avenue at Halifax, and on the south leg of Madison Avenue at Halifax; ICBC and RCMP will conduct SpeedWatch and follow-up enforcement as required; and City staff will continue to monitor area.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY MR. ARTUSO

THAT the Correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Correspondence from Dean de Sousa, Triovest Reality Advisors Re: Pedestrian Safety 4200 block of Still Creek Drive**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Dean de Sousa regarding pedestrian Safety on the 4200 block of Still Creek Drive, and TransLink bus service to the area.

Mr. Sidhu-Kambo, Coast Mountain Bus Company representative to the Committee, will follow-up with Coast Mountain regarding the request of the writer.

Staff advised that the intersection is well-lit and does not currently warrant a signalized pedestrian crossing. It is advised that the hedge and mailbox, on the south side of the crossing, be removed to increase visibility of and for pedestrians waiting to cross.

Staff undertook to correspond with Mr. de Sousa.

**b) Correspondence from Aldo Porra
Re: Traffic Safety Concerns Halifax Street, Gilmore Avenue
and 1st Avenue**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Aldo Porra expressing concern for traffic safety in the area of Halifax Street, Gilmore Avenue and 1st Avenue.

Staff advised the upgrades to the intersection at 1st Avenue, Gilmore Avenue and Douglas Road will take place after the completion of the residential towers due to various construction issues.

In response to Mr. Porra's concerns regarding parking and congestion on Halifax at Gilmore, the City has installed 'No Stopping Anytime Time' signs. Staff will continue to monitor this area.

Staff undertook to relay this information to Mr. Porra.

**c) Correspondence from Aston Yu
Re: Solutions to Traffic Accidents**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Aston Yu expressing frustration in relation to motorists and cyclists driving behavior. Mr. Yu offered several solutions to reduce traffic accidents, specifically the installation of dashboard cameras.

Staff will advise Mr. Yu that the mandatory installation of dashboard cameras falls under the purview of the Ministry of Transportation.

5. REPORTS

MOVED BY MR. ARTUSO
SECONDED BY MR. LAITY

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Report from Director Engineering
Re: Intersection Controls at Underhill Avenue and Eastlake Drive

A report was received from the Director Engineering advising of the installation of three-way stop signs at the intersection of Underhill Ave and Eastlake Dr.

The Committee received correspondence from Ms. Cathy Griffin at the meeting held on 2016 March 01, regarding cycling and pedestrian concerns along Underhill Avenue. In response to the correspondence a review of the traffic conditions at the intersection of Underhill Avenue and Eastlake Drive was conducted. Staff have recommended the installation of a 3 way stop control and marked crosswalks to reduce the delays to westbound vehicles along Eastlake Drive, better facilitate pedestrians crossing Underhill Avenue, and improve overall operation of the intersection.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the Committee receives this report for information.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY MR. LAITY

THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

AMENDED

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY MR. ARTUSO

THAT the recommendations be AMENDED to include the following:

2. THAT a copy of the report be forwarded to Ms. Cathy Griffin, #21 – 8400 Forest Grove Drive, Burnaby, BC V5A 4B7.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee requested that signage be installed to advise motorists of the change in traffic pattern.

Staff confirmed that the area will be well marked with two warning signs in advance of the three-way stop, as well as flashing lights on top of the stop signs.

The Committee queried the possible extension of Eastlake Drive to the west, along the decommissioned railway line.

Staff undertook to respond to the query.

**b) Report from Director Engineering
Re: Pedestrian Safety Concerns on Bartlett Court**

A report was received from the Director Engineering reviewing pedestrian safety concerns on Bartlett Court.

At the 2016 March 01 meeting of the Committee, correspondence was received from Mr. Roderick Santiago regarding concerns about pedestrian safety while crossing Bartlett Court. A review of the crossing conditions between two pathways at the Bartlett Court cul-de-sac showed that the installation of a marked crosswalk is not warranted.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the Committee receives this report for information and a copy be sent to Mr. Roderick Santiago for his information.

MOVED BY MR. LAITY
SECONDED BY MR. ARTUSO

THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. NEW BUSINESS

John Artuso

Mr. Artuso requested that the Engineering Department investigate the light sequencing of the vehicle triggered light at Gamma, crossing Hastings.

Staff undertook to investigate.

Mr. Artuso advised of the loss of the left turn signal from Central Boulevard into the transit bay at Metrotown. Mr. Artuso requested a flag person be assigned to the area to assist with traffic management during the construction period.

Mr. Harjit Sidhu-Kambo, Coast Mountain Bus Company advised that TransLink is aware of the issue and actively working on solutions.

Mr. Artuso expressed concern regarding traffic congestion due to construction in the area of Halifax Street, Douglas Road and Gilmore Avenue.

Staff advised that due to development requirements, 1st Avenue will not be realigned prior to construction in the area.

Mr. Artuso requested an update on the upgrades to the intersection of Gilmore Avenue and Lougheed Highway.

Staff advised that Hydro is in the process of upgrades to the substations. The land will not be available for redevelopment of the intersection until after the substation upgrades and construction is completed.

Jen Mezei

Ms. Mezei requested that the City notify the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) when construction is anticipated in the vicinity of Burnaby schools, particularly in reference to the Lougheed Towncentre.

Staff advised that the School District does receive notifications of rezonings. Extensive public consultation has been undertaken in regard to the proposed changes to Lougheed Towncentre.

Staff to investigate if Council members are appointed as representatives to the District Parent Advisory Committee.

Staff undertook to investigate.

Councillor Calendino

Councillor Calendino reiterated Mr. Artuso's concerns around anticipated congestion at 1st Avenue, Gilmore Avenue and Douglas Road.

Ms. Mezei's retired from the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Staff advised that they will continue to monitor the area.

Ms. Mezei's returned to the meeting at 7:58 p.m. and took her place at the table.

7. INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries brought forward at this time.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY MR. VIZNIAK

SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Eva Prior
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Paul McDonell
CHAIR