



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE M I N U T E S

Thursday, June 25, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

- PRESENT: Councillor James Wang, Acting Chair
Trustee Christine Cunningham, Burnaby Board of Education
(participated electronically)
Mr. Leaf Alifu, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*
Ms. Grace Lai, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*
Mr. Saeed Michael Nasiryan Sr., Resident Representative
Ms. Lindy McQueen, Resident Representative
Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade
Ms. Sue Tench, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*
- ABSENT: Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair
Councillor Paul McDonell, Vice Chair *(due to illness)*
Mr. Shamsuddin Chowdhury, District Parent Advisory Council
- ADVISORY ORGANIZATION: Mr. Ken Robb, Burnaby HUB *(participated electronically)*
Mr. Tom Webster, ICBC *(participated electronically)*
- STAFF: Mr. Doug Louie, Assistant Director Engineering, Transportation Services
Mr. Stu Ramsey, Manager, Transportation Planning
Ms. Renee De St. Croix, Senior Long Range Planner *(participated electronically)*
Ms. Dierdre Bostock, Long Range Planner
Sgt. Denise McNeill, Traffic Service NCO, Burnaby RCMP
Ms. Eva Prior, Administrative Officer
Ms. Lauren Cichon, Council Support Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Administrative Officer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and concluded the roll call.

The Administrative Officer recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm̓ and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared territory.

As neither Councillor Johnston, Chair, nor Councillor McDonell, Vice-Chair were in attendance, the Administrative Officer requested a motion to appoint Councillor Wang as Chair for the 2020 June 25 Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

MOVED BY MS. LINDY MCQUEEN
SECONDED BY MR. CORY REDEKOP

THAT Councillor Wang be appointed Chair for the 2020 June 25 Traffic Safety Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Wang assumed the Chair.

2. **MINUTES**

2.1 **Minutes of the Traffic Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2020 January 23.**

MOVED BY MR. SAEED MICHAEL NASIRYAN SR.
SECONDED BY MR. CORY REDEKOP

THAT the minutes of the Traffic Safety Committee meeting held on 2020 January 23 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **PRESENTATION**

3.1 **Burnaby Transportation Plan Update**

Ms. Dierdre Bostock, Long Range Planner (in-person) and **Ms. Renee De St Croix**, Senior Long Range Planner (via ZOOM) presented the Committee with an overview of Phase 2 of the *Burnaby Transportation Plan*.

The *Burnaby Transportation Plan (Plan)* is being undertaken in three phases, commencing in 2017 July. Each phase includes research, policy and plan development, public consultation and reporting.

Phase 1 provided direction for the Plan and determined the vision, themes, and goals. Six themes were addressed as the major topic areas: accessible; safe; healthy; green; prosperous; and connected. Public consultation engaged 2,000 individuals through 17 public events and 14 stakeholder meetings.

The update is currently in Phase 2, which is building proposals for the targets, big moves, policies, and networks to be used as the basis for the Phase 2 Public Consultation Program. The proposed targets (i.e. vision zero, mode shift, and zero emissions) enable the City to measure and monitor its progress. Key actions comprise the proposed big moves, creating change and assisting with achieving the targets. Each major transportation topic area will include a big move. Thirty-six policies are proposed to provide direction in conjunction with the major transportation topic areas (i.e. land use, public realm, and transportation; walking and accessibility; cycling; public transit; goods and services movement; and driving).

It was noted that Phase 3, will be undertaken from 2020 November to 2021 March to confirm a draft Plan, which will include actions for 36 policies and an Implementation Strategy.

In conclusion, Ms. Bostock advised that a Public Consultation Summary Report will be provided to the Committee and Council at the close of Phase 2.

In conclusion, staff announced that an online public consultation survey will be launched in July.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Memorandum from Administrative Officer - Re: New Burnaby Transportation Plan - Phase 2

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2020 February 10, received the above noted report seeking endorsement of the public consultation proposals and authorizing staff to initiate a process for Phase 2 public consultation towards the development of a new Burnaby Transportation Plan.

4.2 Correspondence from Megan Warden and Sheila Kenchington – Re: Pedestrian Safety at Canada Way and Burris Street

Correspondence was received from Ms. Megan Warden and Ms. Sheila Kenchington regarding pedestrian safety concerns, specifically for school children, at the intersection of Burris Street and Canada Way.

The writers advised that this intersection is a high accident area due to the volume of vehicles and the speed they are travelling. The writers observed that the space provided for pedestrians at the intersection is inadequate. They have also noted that a number of the homes near the intersection have front yard pick-up on garbage days; garbage bins are being placed on the sidewalk thereby obstructing the pedestrians ability to pass safely.

Ms. Warden and Ms. Kenchington proposed several recommendations to mitigate safety concerns on both Canada Way and Burris Street including a pedestrian overpass, safety barriers, red light cameras, and school zone signage.

Correspondence from Ms. Patti Watson, crossing guard was included in the correspondence package, outlining firsthand experiences at this intersection.

Staff provided information on the feasibility of the requested safety solutions and the majority of them were not recommended for various reasons; however, the concern about the narrow sidewalks along the east side of Burris Street, south of Canada Way will be explored by staff for future widening to help alleviate the problem.

Staff will also follow-up to ensure that sufficient time is allowed for pedestrians to cross each leg of the intersection.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY MR. SAEED MICHAEL NASIRYAN SR.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE CHRISTINE CUNNINGHAM

THAT this item of correspondence be **REFERRED** to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Correspondence from Sid Mehta, SFU Ancillary Services and Moreno Zanutto, HUB Burnaby - Re: Cycling Safety on Burnaby Mountain Roads

Correspondence was received from Mr. Sid Mehta, SFU and Mr. Moreno Zanutto, HUB Burnaby regarding cycling safety on Burnaby Mountain.

The authors provided recommendations for improving cycling safety on both Burnaby Mountain Parkway and Gaglardi Way.

Staff advised that several initiatives have been undertaken to improve cycling safety in the area: bike stencils along Gaglardi Way have been repainted, additional bike lane signage has been installed, and green bike lanes have also been painted on the Burnaby Mountain Parkway approach to Gaglardi Way identifying high conflict zones. The City is currently developing an off-road urban trail along Burnaby Mountain, connecting from Centennial Way. The City is also investigating creating a half metre buffer area between the bike lane and vehicular traffic along Gaglardi Way.

Staff informed the Committee that installing physically separated barriers, eliminating high speed conflict zones and creating a protected intersection for

cyclists at Burnaby Mountain Parkway and Gaglardi Way would require a planned capital improvement.

As part of the proposed *Burnaby Transportation Plan*, development of a core network for cycling has been identified; both Gaglardi Way and Burnaby Mountain Parkway have been prioritized.

Staff undertook to provide a response to the authors.

4.4 Correspondence for Eric Mulholland - Re: Pedestrian Concerns on Humphries Avenue

Correspondence was received from Mr. Eric Mulholland regarding pedestrian safety concerns on Humphries Avenue, citing a hit and run accident that occurred in this area.

Mr. Mulholland advised that Humphries Avenue is a well-used pedestrian corridor; however, it does not have adequate sidewalks or street lighting.

Staff advised that the design phase for sidewalk, curb, gutter, boulevards and street lights is currently underway with construction anticipated for next year.

4.5 Correspondence from Abel Ayala-Smith Re: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Concerns at Albert Street and Boundary Road

Correspondence was received from Able Ayala-Smith regarding pedestrian and traffic safety concerns at Albert Street and Boundary Road. The writer outlined the following concerns:

- unmarked intersection that is heavily used by pedestrians;
- high accident location; and
- vehicular traffic unaware that two lanes merge into one at Albert Street and Boundary Road.

Staff undertook to conduct a pedestrian count in the area. No recommendations will be made until an assessment has been completed.

4.6 Memorandum from Deputy City Clerk - Re: Truck Traffic at Burnaby Terminal

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk regarding an item of correspondence that was referred to the Traffic Safety Committee by Council at the 2020 February 24 Council meeting. The correspondence, originally sent to Trans Mountain and copied to the City, is from Ms. Kay Inglis regarding increased traffic resulting from the expansion of the Burnaby Terminal.

Ms. Inglis expressed concern regarding the increased truck traffic on the streets leading to the Burnaby Terminal, and in the surrounding neighbourhoods of Forest Grove and Ash Grove.

Staff advised that Trans Mountain, after consultation with the City, are currently directing their truck traffic to specific routes to mitigate the impact on Production Way and Forest Grove Drive. Trans Mountain is currently developing a new access route off Arden Avenue, north of Shellmont Street, which will further reduce truck traffic.

The Committee requested that staff contact Trans Mountain regarding a timeline for the completion of the Shellmont Street/Arden Avenue route and expressed concern regarding the potential for increased traffic in the area once the expansion has been completed.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY MR. SAEED MICHAEL NASIRYAN SR.

SECONDED BY TRUSTEE CHRISTINE CUNNINGHAM

THAT this item of correspondence be **REFERRED** to staff for report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.7 Correspondence from Peter Cech - Re: Parkland Refining Traffic Issues

Correspondence was received from Mr. Peter Cech regarding increased traffic to and from Parkland Refining B.C. Ltd. (Parkland), at Gamma Avenue and Penzance Drive, and a subsequent request for traffic calming measures at Beta Avenue and Penzance Drive.

Mr. Cech advised that inbound traffic is accessing the Parkland parking lot through Capital Hill from Hastings Street; specifically the 4700 block of Cambridge Street to the 200 Block of North Beta Avenue and onto Penzance Drive.

Staff advised that a traffic count conducted in 2020 April demonstrated that the Parkland site has increased the amount of traffic to this area.

The City has introduced traffic interventions in response to the increased traffic entering and exiting the Parkland lot. Several restricted turn movements are in place, as well as temporary bulges, traffic cones and Parkland traffic control personnel at Gamma Avenue and Penzance Drive. These restrictions are in place only when the parking lot is in use.

Staff informed the Committee that in response to Mr. Cech's initial request, the City in conjunction with Parkland have committed to provide temporary

barricades and signage at North Beta Avenue and Penzance Drive. These measures will be in place while the Parkland parking lot is open to discourage the use of North Beta Avenue as an access route. The temporary restrictions will be removed when the parking lot is closed.

Mr. Cech was in the attendance observing the meeting and requested to speak to this item.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY MR. SAEED MICHAEL NASIRYAN SR.
SECONDED BY MS. GRACE LAI

THAT Mr. Cech be permitted to speak to this item.

CARRIED

(OPPOSED: Ms. McQueen, Mr. Redekop)

Mr. Cech requested that the City direct traffic along Penzance Drive to Willingdon Avenue. The speaker also requested that the proposed *Burnaby Transportation Plan* address the elimination of commuter traffic through residential neighbourhoods.

Staff also provided the Committee with a brief overview of the extensive analysis and public consultation that had been conducted regarding commuter traffic volumes in the Capitol Hill area. Arising from the public consultation process, several traffic calming measures, which received support from the community, were implemented.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY TRUSTEE CHRISTINE CUNNINGHAM
SECONDED BY MS. SUE TENCH

THAT staff pursue the installation of temporary barriers and signage at North Beta Avenue and Penzance Drive, as measures for the mitigation of traffic accessing the Parkland parking lot; and that staff pursue communications with Parkland in an effort to amend hours of operation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.8 Correspondence from Maria Molinari - Re: Speed Hump Petition for 15th Street

Correspondence was received from Ms. Maria Molinari regarding a Speed Hump Local Area Service Project for 15th Street.

Ms. Molinari advised that 15th Street is being utilized by speeding motorists to circumvent other routes that may be busier. As 15th Street does not have any

sidewalks; children, students, pedestrians and cyclists are put at higher risk by vehicular traffic. The speed humps would provide a deterrent to motorists, thereby making the street much safer.

Ms. Molinari expressed concern that a recent speed hump petition may not have garnered the support necessary as many residents in the area are tenants and ineligible to sign the petition.

Staff confirmed that the Local Area Service Project for speed humps on 15th Street was not successful. The City is currently conducting a review regarding the installation of speed humps adjacent to schools and parks. An opportunity for the installation of speed humps through this process may be available in the future.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Lindy McQueen

Ms. McQueen expressed concern regarding increased speeding on Canada Way, between Stanley Crescent and Morley Drive.

Sgt. McNeill advised that she will pursue this with the Burnaby RCMP Traffic Division.

Trustee Christine Cunningham

Trustee Cunningham advised that a portion of the pedestrian path, leading from Montecito Drive through Monticeto Park and ending at Halifax Street, is need of repair.

Staff undertook to follow-up.

Councillor Wang

Councillor Wang brought forward an item of correspondence from Mr. Tony Wang regarding speeding on Edinburgh Street, between North Gilmore Avenue and North Boundary Road. Mr. Wang has requested that the City implement a four way stop at Edinburgh Street and North Ingleton Avenue or install speed humps on Edinburgh Street.

Staff undertook to follow-up with Mr. Wang.

6. **INQUIRIES**

Mr. Saeed Nasiryan Sr.

Mr. Nasiryan requested an update to his original request made on 2019 July 05 regarding the introduction of lower speed limits.

Staff advised that under the *Improving Safety* theme of the *Burnaby Transportation Plan*, speed limits may be discussed as part of the public consultation phase.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY MR. SAEED MICHAEL NASIRYAN SR.
SECONDED BY MR. CORY REDEKOP

THAT the Traffic Safety Committee meeting adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIR

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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