



## TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE M I N U T E S

Thursday, September 17, 2020, 5:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, City Hall  
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair *(participated electronically)*  
Councillor James Wang, Vice Chair *(participated electronically)*  
Councillor Joe Keithley, Member *(participated electronically)*  
Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade  
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  
Ms. Sue Tench, Resident Representative *(participated electronically)*

ABSENT: Trustee Christine Cunningham, Burnaby Board of Education  
Mr. Shamsuddin Chowdhury, District Parent Advisory Council  
Mr. Ken Robb, Burnaby HUB

ADVISORY ORGANIZATION: Mr. Tom Webster, ICBC

STAFF: Mr. Doug Louie, Assistant Director Engineering, Transportation Services  
Mr. Stu Ramsey, Manager, Transportation Planning  
Sgt. Mohammad Beyhaghi, Traffic Service, Burnaby RCMP  
Ms. Kathryn Matts, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Shelly Reinhart, Council Support Assistant

The Chair called the Open Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Chair, Councillor Dan Johnston, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

MOVED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT correspondence from Mr. Jeremy Lam regarding the intersection of Broadway and the Kensington Overpass be added to the agenda as Item 3.5.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 2. **MINUTES**

### 2.1 **Minutes of the Traffic Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2020 June 25**

MOVED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.

SECONDED BY MR. REDEKOP

THAT the minutes of the Traffic Safety Committee meeting held on 2020 June 25 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

### 3.1 **Residents of 6800 - 7100 Block Jubilee Avenue - Re: Resident Parking**

Two petitions were received regarding a Resident Permit Parking Program for Jubilee Avenue.

The first petition contained 12 signatures from residents residing in the 6800 - 7100 block of Jubilee Avenue requesting resident only parking.

The petition read as follows:

*'We, the residents of 6800-7100 block of Jubilee Avenue petition to the City of Burnaby to put place a resident only parking because of high volume of traffic on non-resident parking on out streets.*

*There is insufficient parking for the number of residents who live on Jubilee Avenue. This is due to a major increase of businesses and the businesses customers who are non-residents. People are parking illegally and more than 3 hours which goes against what the by law states especially the customers from La Foret Cafe. This also raises a significant safety concern due to the high-volume*

*traffic on our street. This higher vehicle traffic is causing personal damages on resident's vehicles due to the insufficient space of parking.*

*The residents received a letter from the city of Burnaby regarding the parking problem, but most of the residents did not understand the letter due to the language barrier.*

*We, the undersigned, are in agreeance to a resident only parking which will help reduce traffic, reduce litter, and help with parking for our residents.'*

The second petition contained six signatures and read as follows:

*'To whom it may concern,*

*Regarding the Resident Parking Permit Program on Jubilee Avenue, we missed voting before the deadline due to various reasons. We hereby request that the City of Burnaby reopen the program so that the local traffic congestion can be improved for the safety and interests of not only residents but also all who pass by this area.*

*Below are the votes representing part of the residents who have missed the voting deadline:*

(see original petition for names and addresses of residents)

*Please consider the votes above and kindly reopen the program in your earliest convenience. Thank you.*

Staff explained that the resident permit parking program is relatively new. The process consists of several steps. Residents are sent out an initial survey to determine interest. If a response of over 50% is received, staff prepare and provide residents with the permit details. Once again, a majority of residents must provide support for the project prior to the implementation phase.

Staff advised that a majority of responses in favour of the program were not received from Jubilee Avenue residents by the deadline. Staff informed the Committee that they will continue to work with the residents of Jubilee Avenue.

### **3.2 Correspondence from Nathan Davidowicz - Re: Strong Towns Article**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Nathan Davidowicz providing the Committee with a link to an article from *Strong Towns* entitled '*Now is the Time to End Traffic Fatalities. Here's a Simple Plan to Do It.*'

The Committee advised that the City will be addressing these concerns within the Transportation Plan.

### **3.3 Correspondence from Nathan Davidowicz - Re: Request for Pedestrian and Cyclist Overpass at North Road and Lougheed Highway**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Nathan Davidowicz requesting a pedestrian and cyclist overpass at the intersection of Lougheed Highway and North Road.

Staff advised that while this is a high traffic intersection there are currently no plans to install a pedestrian overpass at this intersection. As there are four crossings at this location an overpass is not recommended.

**3.4 Correspondence from Zoran Bugarinovic - Re: Increasing Noise in Metrotown Area**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Zoran Bugarinovic regarding the increase in traffic noise levels in the Metrotown area. Mr. Bugarinovic provided a link to information on noise camera technology that he would like the City to utilize.

Staff advised that they responded to Mr. Bugarinovic and advised that noise produced on roadways is enforced under the Motor Vehicle Act, and is under the jurisdiction of the RCMP.

**3.5 Correspondence from Jeremy Lam - Re: Merge Lane at Broadway and Kensington Overpass**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Jeremy Lam advising of vehicles on Broadway failing to yield to vehicles merging onto the Kensington Overpass. Mr. Lam provided a link to a Burnaby Now opinion piece on the intersection and asked if immediate action could be taken.

Staff advised that signage is in place advising the right turning vehicles to yield. Staff undertook to further investigate.

**4. REPORTS**

**4.1 Report from Director Engineering - Re: Regional Harmonization of Heavy Truck Definition**

The Director Engineering submitted a report recommending the adoption of the regional definition of heavy truck, and related amendments to the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the Traffic Safety Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the regional definition of heavy truck (exceeding a licensed gross vehicle weight of 26,000 lbs) to support the harmonization of truck permitting and regulations within Metro Vancouver.
2. THAT Council be requested to authorize the City Solicitor to bring forward amendments to the Street and Traffic Bylaw as outline in this report.

MOVED BY MR. LEAF

SECONDED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.

THAT the recommendations of the Director Engineering be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ms. Lindy McQueen**

Ms. McQueen expressed concern regarding the lack of signage onto Canada Way, off the Kensington Overpass. There is no speed limit posted for the traffic coming off the Trans Canada Highway.

Ms. McQueen reminded staff that she had raised the issue regarding increased speeding on Canada Way, between Stanley Crescent and Morley Drive at the 2020 June 25 meeting.

Staff undertook to investigate

6. **INQUIRIES**

**Chair Dan Johnston**

The Chair inquired as to the barrier that had been placed at Rayside and Canada Way. Residents are once again making left turns onto Canada Way from that intersection.

Staff undertook to investigate.

**Chair Dan Johnston**

The Chair inquired regarding construction activity at the intersection of Gilmore and First Avenues. Currently a portion of the north bound, west side lane, disappears at First Avenue.

Staff undertook to investigate

**Chair Dan Johnston**

The Chair inquired as to the work being done at Lougheed Highway and Production Way. The Chair advised that there appears to be an island in the left lane.

Staff advised road upgrades are currently being undertaken in this area. Staff undertook to investigate.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.

SECONDED BY MR. LEAF

THAT the Traffic Safety Committee meeting adjourn at 5:38 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CHAIR

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER