



TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, City Hall

4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT:	Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair <i>(participated electronically)</i> Councillor James Wang, Vice Chair <i>(participated electronically)</i> Councillor Joe Keithley, Member <i>(participated electronically)</i> Trustee Gary Wong, Burnaby Board of Education <i>(participated electronically)</i> Mr. Cory Redekop, Burnaby Board of Trade <i>(participated electronically)</i> Mr. Leaf Alifu, Resident Representative <i>(participated electronically)</i> Ms. Grace Lai, Resident Representative <i>(participated electronically)</i> Mr. Saeed Michael Nasiryan Sr., Resident Representative Ms. Lindy McQueen, Resident Representative Ms. Sue Tench, Resident Representative <i>(participated electronically)</i>
ABSENT:	Mr. Shamsuddin Chowdhury, District Parent Advisory Council
ADVISORY ORGANIZATIONS:	Mr. Ken Robb, Burnaby HUB <i>(participated electronically)</i> Mr. Tom Webster, ICBC
STAFF:	Mr. Doug Louie, Assistant Director Engineering, Transportation Services Mr. Stu Ramsey, Manager, Transportation Planning Ms. Kathryn Matts, Administrative Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the Open Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and conducted the roll call. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following members participated electronically: Councillor Wang, Councillor Keithley, Trustee Wong, Mr. Redekop, Ms. Lai, Ms. Tench, and Mr. Alifu.

For the benefit of those participating electronically, the Chair read out the names of members and staff present at the meeting.

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

The Chair welcomed Trustee Gary Wong as the new School Board representative to the Committee, replacing Trustee Christine Cunningham.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Traffic Safety Committee Open meeting held on 2020 September 17

MOVED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.
SECONDED BY MS. MCQUEEN

THAT the minutes of the Traffic Safety Committee meeting held on 2020 September 17, be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1 Safety Concerns on Schou at Royal Oak

Ms. Jacqueline Chan, appeared as a delegation in regard to the proposed changes by the Engineering/Traffic Department at Royal Oak Avenue and Laurel Street. Ms. Chan advised that the City proposal to restrict traffic flow on Royal Oak Avenue, will lead to increased traffic on Schou Street. In addition Ms. Chan advised that there will be an increase in cars making a right turn from Canada Way onto Schou Street, which is a turn that does not allow for clear visibility of oncoming traffic.

Ms. Chan advised that the number of units in the area in 2011 was 644 with a 5.6% increase since that time, resulting in 679 units in 2019. Ms. Chan stated that area will only see an increase in residents to the neighbourhood in the years to come.

Ms. Chan stated that the City has an obligation to provide safe access for residents in the area, and that the City should further investigate the proposed changes.

Staff advised that the main problem is the intersection does not have enough traffic controls in place. The recommended changes will have a relatively modest impact on traffic patterns in the area. Staff further advised it is estimated that approximately 55 vehicles will be rerouted to Schou Street in peak hours. This is based on 2019 traffic counts collected prior to the pandemic conditions. Staff stated that this is not considered significant or unsafe and can be accommodated at the intersection of Canada Way and Schou Street.

Staff reviewed data from ICBC which showed that the number of crashes at the intersection increased over the years averaging approximately 8 accidents per year between 2015 and 2019, with 10 accidents in 2019. In the previous 5 years (2010-2014) there were on average 5 accidents per year. Staff advised that while the increase may be attributed to some increases in traffic volumes, the unusual geometry of the intersection has been identified as the key factor.

Arising from discussion the following motion was brought forward:

MOVED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.

SECONDED BY MS. TENCH

THAT Item No. 5.2 of the agenda, a report from the Director of Engineering Re: Royal Oak Avenue and Laurel Street be brought forward at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Report from the Director of Engineering Royal Oak Avenue and Laurel Street

A report from the Director Engineering recommending safety improvements at the intersection of Royal Oak Avenue and Laurel Street.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. **THAT** the Committee recommend that Council endorse modifications to the intersection of Royal Oak Avenue and Laurel Street as outlined in this report to address traffic safety issues.
2. **THAT** the Committee recommend that Council send a copy of this report to Ms. Jacqueline Chan for information.

MOVED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.

SECONDED BY MS. TENCH

THAT the recommendations of the Director Engineering be adopted.

REFERRED

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.

SECONDED BY MS. TENCH

THAT this report be **REFERRED** back to staff for further study.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The normal order of the agenda resumed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1 Memorandum from the Acting City Clerk - Re: Traffic Calming Trial along Forest Grove Drive

A memorandum was received from the Acting City Clerk advising that at the Open Council meeting held on 2020 October 05 Council received the above noted report and adopted the recommendations contained therein. The report informed Council of the proposed traffic calming trial along Forest Grove Drive to address speeding concerns.

4.2 Correspondence from Jacqueline Chan Re: Safety Concerns on Schou at Royal Oak

Correspondence was received from Jacqueline Chan regarding safety concerns on Schou Street at Royal Oak Avenue.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY
SECONDED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.

THAT this item of business be **REFERRED** to staff for review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Correspondence from Saeed Nasiryan Re: City of Burnaby Traffic Concerns

Correspondence was received from Saeed Nasiryan a member of the Traffic Safety Committee outlining five traffic concerns that Mr. Nasiryan asked to be addressed/

Staff provided the following responses to Mr. Nasiryan's concerns

1. Installing a left-turn prohibited sign on Jubilee Avenue and Imperial Street

Staff undertook to install signage as requested.

2. Install No Pedestrian Access signage at Metropolis Metrotown underground parkade

Staff advised that this is private property but undertook to advise the mall owners.

3. Installing traffic control and warning signs on Rumble Street at Griffiths Drive

Staff advised that this intersection will be signalized as part of the upcoming development in that area.

4. Installing traffic control and warning signs on Marine Drive at Sussex Avenue

Staff advised that a full upgrade of Marine Drive is included in the 5 year Capital Plan. Traffic control on Sussex will be reviewed as part of this project.

5. Upgrading Douglas Road from Sprott Street to Manor Street

Staff advised that this area is part of another significant engineering project that will be looked at over the next five years.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Report from the Director of Engineering 2021 Local Area Service Program for Speed Humps

A report from the Director of Engineering recommended the review of applications for the 2021 speed hump program and recommended streets that should proceed to the Local Area Service Program (LASP) process.

The Director of Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the Committee recommend Council advance the requested speed humps, as discussed and recommended in this report, to the 2021 LASP process.
2. THAT the Committee recommend Council send a copy of this report to the residents who requested speed humps as part of the 2021 LASP.

MOVED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.

SECONDED BY MS. TENCH

THAT the recommendations of the Director Engineering be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Report from the Director of Engineering Royal Oak Avenue and Laurel Street

This item was dealt with earlier in the agenda.

5.3 Report from the Director of Engineering Pedestrian Crosswalks on Gilley at Portland and at Clinton

A report from the Director of Engineering reviewed requests for enhanced pedestrian crosswalks on Gilley Avenue at Portland Street and at Clinton Street.

The Director of Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the Committee recommend that Council approve the installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the existing marked crosswalk on Gilley Avenue at Clinton Street.

2. THAT the Committee recommend that Council send a copy of this report to Ms. Kim Makaseff, Mr. David Sutherland, and Mr. Joe Sun for information.

MOVED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.

SECONDED BY MS. MCQUEEN

THAT the recommendations of the Director Engineering be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.4 Report from the Director of Engineering Traffic Calming along Park and School Zones

A report from the Director of Engineering requesting enhancement to traffic calming along all park and school zones, was submitted.

The Director of Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the Committee recommend that Council approve a City-funded speed hump program along local streets in park and school zones as outlined in this report.
2. **THAT** the Committee recommend that Council extend the hours for the 30 km/h speed limits along school zones to 7:00 am - 10:00 pm as outlined in this report.
3. **THAT** the City Solicitor be authorized to bring forward the necessary amendment to the Street and Traffic Bylaw to implement the extended hours for school zone speed limits.
4. **THAT** the Committee recommend that Council send a copy of this report to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, Burnaby School District 41, RCMP Burnaby Detachment, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia for information.

MOVED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.

SECONDED BY MS. TENCH

THAT the recommendations of the Director Engineering be adopted.

AMENDED

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY
SECONDED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.

THAT the report be **AMENDED** to add a recommendation to read as follows, THAT the Committee recommend to Council that they lobby the Provincial MLA's for a uniform approach to traffic calming in Parks and School Zones.

CARRIED
(Opposed: Cory Redekop)

MOVED BY MR. NASIRYAN SR.
SECONDED BY MS. MCQUEEN

THAT the recommendations of the Director of Engineering be adopted, **AS AMENDED**.

CARRIED
(Opposed: Cory Redekop)

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business brought forward at this time

7. **INQUIRIES**

There were no inquiries brought forward at this time.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the Open Committee meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

CHAIR

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER