

MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 @ 10:00 AM
City Hall Committee Room

PRESENT: Chair, Rob Dickinson, Director of Engineering & Public Works
RCMP, Manager of Community Policing, Dave Cusson
SD#70 Director of Operations, Gary Roe
Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure, Jessica Learn

REGRETS: Councillor Ron Paulson
Deputy Fire Chief, Wes Patterson
RCMP, Sgt. Peter Dionne
ICBC, Peggy Gibbs
ICBC, Caroline Robinson
Diversified Transportation, Kathy Deschamps

DELEGATIONS

None

**Action
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. May 18, 2021 email request from Jean-Phillipe Harvey to discuss pick up and drop off traffic at John Howitt School, specifically the intersection of Grieve Rd and Bishop Cres.**

Continued discussion from the previous meeting. City assessment along with a transportation engineer observed sightline issues coming southbound to the intersection. Plans to collect data on traffic volume and speeds were discussed to determine an effective response. As an interim measure, a flexible bollard will be considered.

RD
- 2. Forwarded from City Council meeting held September 27, 2021 regarding email request from Randy Teichman to discuss Council's approval to remove the left turn lane at 10th Avenue and Dunbar Street intersection.**

Continued discussion from previous meeting.

RD
- 3. Forwarded from City Council meeting held October 12, 2021 regarding email request from James Powsey to discuss traffic in the neighbourhood of 3rd Ave, Neill Street and Ship Creek Rd.**

The City is looking to repave Ship Creek Road next year although this may cause traffic speed to increase. Dave reported that he had speed watch out last summer and had vehicles going over 100km/hr. Possible traffic calming measures that were discussed included, amber flashers, a pedestrian crossing and working with a transportation engineer to widen the shoulder by 2m on the uphill side. Ministry of Transportation will speak with CRVE regarding having a larger presence on Ship Creek Road to deter speeding.

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4. **Forwarded from City Council meeting held October 12, 2021 regarding email request from Bob Kanngiesser to discuss suggestions to planned upgrades to intersections at Dunbar St and 10th Ave and 10th Ave and Redford St.** RD
See #2 comments above.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Correspondence from the Minister of Transportation, forwarded from City Council meeting held January 17, 2022, regarding options available to municipalities for adopting changes to speed limits.** RD

We do not currently have the data needed to lower speed limits. Future consideration of speeds in coordination with enforcement, education and engineering. ICBC notes that in discussing this initiative with other municipalities throughout BC, one of the important points that has emerged is that signing alone is unlikely to significantly reduce actual speeds.

2. **March 23, 2022 email request from Steven Jones of Lathom Street regarding concerns pertaining to road design for the section above the railway tracks.** RD

ICBC reviewed 2013-2017 claims and found none along this S-curve on Lathom Rd. After reviewing the most recent claims from 2016-2020 there were two claims near the S-curve, neither were related to the geometry of the road itself. ICBC does not yet have the crash data for 2021 or 2022. ICBC suggested consideration of a Curve Warning Sign on the eastbound approach to the S-curve, which is not controlled by a stop sign. Dave reported that he monitored the intersection for a period of time and did not observe any violations occurring but is willing to have speed watch set up on the east end of the S-curve or below the railway tracks. Dave noted it was too dangerous for the volunteers to set up at the intersection. It was suggested to work with a transportation engineer in setting up flexible bollards along the road centerline to deter vehicles from cutting across the lanes.

LATE ITEMS

1. **April 11, 2022 email request from Larry Ransom regarding Orange Bridge access off River Road.** JL

Ministry of Transportation reported that repainting of the lines will be happening very soon, weather dependent. There has been discussion with the traffic engineer to lessen the gap in the painted line for the turn onto Falls Street as well as a request for additional signage.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING DATES FOR 2022:

July 20, 2022

October 19, 2022

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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