



**NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(NTAC)**

Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Room 1

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair
David Tate	- Community Member
Robert Petrusa	- Connaught Heights RA Rep
John Hooker	- Brow of Hill RA Rep
Roland Guasparini	- Downtown RA Rep
Doug Bjornson	- Glenbrooke North RA Rep
Philip Walkinshaw	- Moody Park RA Rep
Marta Nykl	- Quayside Community Board Rep
Gavin Palmer	- Queensborough RA Rep
Martina Rempel	- Queens Park RA Rep
Frank Norman	- West End RA Rep
Karon Trenaman	- ICBC Rep
Vacant	- School District #40 Rep
Vacant	- Coast Mountain Bus Group
Vacant	- Downtown Business Association
Vacant	- New West Chamber of Commerce Rep
Vacant	- McBride-Sapperton RA Rep

REGRETS:

Dale Bradley	- Massey/Victory Heights RA Rep
Tracie Berg	- DPAC Rep

STAFF:

Lisa Leblanc (Left at 7:20 pm)	- Manager, Transportation, Engineering Services
A/Sgt. Todd Sweet	- New Westminster Police Department
Carilyn Cook	- Committee Secretary, Engineering Services

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

1.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 Adoption of the Agenda of April 10, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on April 10, 2018 be received and adopted with the addition of Item 5.5 – Mufflerless Vehicles from John Hooker, Committee member and Item 5.6 – Intersection of Derwent Way and Duncan Street from Gavin Palmer, Committee member.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of February 13, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on February 13, 2018 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

No items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 2018 NTAC Work Plan Update – Lisa Leblanc

Lisa Leblanc, Transportation Manager, provided a brief recap of the discussion that took place at the last meeting when members were asked to prioritize items in the Work Plan (low, medium, high) as well as whether or not they would like to be informed or engaged on the Work Plan items. After the last meeting, members were emailed copies of the draft work plan to share and discuss with their residents' associations (RA). Lisa stated that she received additional feedback from six Committee members on behalf of their RA's and incorporated their feedback into the Work Plan.

The following discussion ensued with respect to some of the the Work Plan priorities:

Walking

- Staff explained that pedestrian crossing improvements such as timing inconsistencies (count down signal/audible warning), etc., are generally addressed on an on-request basis. The Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Program (Program) includes items such as painted crosswalks, etc.;
- With respect to the crossing at Sixth Street and Belmont Street, staff reminded members that the crossing was assessed two years ago, including receiving feedback from both NTAC and the ACTBiPed, improvements to signage and lighting were completed late last year, and no further improvements are planned for the crossing at this time;
- Staff advised that the Program includes funds from developments and capital from the City budget;
- As per a member's request, Staff will confirm if the crossing at Fifth Street and Eighth Avenue is being funded through the Program; and,
- Staff advised that the pedestrian crossing at Quayside will be analyzed this year for possible inclusion in the 2019 Work Plan – it must be considered against all other requests.

Great Streets

- Staff advised that the Seventh Avenue greenway will be addressed through the Rotary Crosstown Greenway improvements, including the intersection of Sixth Street and Seventh Avenue; and,
- A member queried about 30 km/hr signs which were to be installed along Sixth Street and have not been to date. Staff will look into it.

Managed Roads

- Staff informed members that they are engaged with MoTI with respect to McBride Boulevard corridor safety, transit, and network improvements in order to coordinate projects with them.

Special Projects & Transportation Studies/Programs

- Staff advised that there are components of the road network in Queensborough that are the responsibility of Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, so staff work closely with them;
- Staff advised that the City is aware of development approved in Burnaby regarding the area where a number of towers are going up near 10th Avenue,

- and that staff are aware of a desire to improve pedestrian and bicycle connections; and,
- In response to a member's suggestion that the City install 'Local Residents Only' signage in certain neighbourhoods to discourage rat running, staff informed the group that, administratively, this would be an enormous task to enforce and is not something the City is currently considering.

4.2 Request for Letter to Canada Post (Update) – Councillor McEvoy/Staff

Councillor McEvoy informed members that the Committee's recommendation to Council asking that a letter be sent to the Canada Post Corporation regarding their depot at 24 Ovens Avenue was passed last night. The letter will request that Canada Post Corporation direct their drivers to refrain from short cutting and speeding through neighbourhood streets and laneways in the area, and to adhere to the rules of the road such as stopping at stop signs and staying within the speed limit.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Speed Hump Policy Workshop – Lisa Leblanc

Lisa stated that the purpose of creating a speed hump policy is to enable the City to implement low-cost and low-impact speed reduction on local roads, relatively quickly and with limited administrative process.

The following discussion ensued:

- A member suggested that speed humps be installed first and then be assessed on their effectiveness;
- Staff advised that for streets already designated as 30 km/hr (bikeways, greenways, parks, etc.), speed humps would be designed to slow vehicles down to up to those streets (which would already have signs and pavement markings indicating the speed limit). For other areas, Staff suggest adding them as 40 km/hr speed humps, including signage to warn drivers of upcoming speed humps. These are both typical examples of how a program like this would be implemented;

The workshop commenced with members considering the following questions:

- What are the benefits of speed humps?
- What are the challenges?

Members were then asked what else could be implemented that is:

- Low cost
- Easy to install (i.e. our crews can do it)
- Low impact (e.g. minimal or no parking loss)
- Easy to understand
- Safe for motorists of all classes and bicycles
- Low maintenance

Members were asked to share their ideas on worksheets that were passed around the table. The suggestions will be merged into a document for future reference.

Members were thanked for their input and informed that at the June 12th meeting the group will discuss the circumstances to which this new policy would apply (i.e. which roads; which problems would be addressed; which circumstances would trigger the review process).

5.2 Illegal Left Turns at Sixth Street & Sixth Avenue – Phil Walkinshaw

Phil Walkinshaw, Committee member, requested that an eye-level, no left turn sign be installed at this intersection as there are frequent illegal left turns made at this well-used pedestrian crossing location. Acting Sergeant Sweet advised that as the weather gets better, there will probably be more enforcement in this area by New West motorcycle police. He also warned that we need to be cautious about over signing an area as it would run the risk of people not paying attention at all - defeating the purpose of the sign.

5.3 Air Quality Subsequent to the Closing of AirCare Centres – Phil Walkinshaw

Phil requested an update on this topic from Fan Jin, Engineering Technologist. As Fan was not in attendance at the meeting, and since the Committee's June 12th agenda is already very full, Councillor McEvoy requested that Fan email an update directly to Phil.

5.4 Speeding and Red Light Running at Second Street & Eighth Avenue – Doug Bjornson

Doug Bjornson, Committee member, advised that there is speeding and red-light running every day at this intersection. Acting Sergeant Sweet will look into having more enforcement in this area. At the request of a member, Councillor McEvoy asked staff to look into the possibility of installing an audible warning at this intersection, if there isn't already one there.

5.5 Muffler-less Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles – John Hooker

John Hooker, Committee member, shared with the group that some vehicles driving by his residence are so loud that when the window is open, he cannot hear his television. He encouraged other members to get license plate numbers of offenders and forward them to the Police for follow up. Roland Guasparini offered to meet with John to discuss the issue further and possibly start a campaign asking the new government to address it. Acting Sergeant explained that enforcement is most likely when someone has actually taken the ‘baffles’ off of their vehicle.

5.6 Intersection of Derwent Way and Duncan – Gavin Palmer

Gavin Palmer, Committee member, advised that this is becoming a major intersection for semi trucks and, with the new development, the road has been ‘pinched’ making it dangerous when the trucks travel from Duncan Street onto Derwent Way. Councillor McEvoy asked that staff look into this situation and provide a response.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

No items.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

No items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, June 12, 2018
Tuesday, September 18, 2018
Tuesday, November 13, 2018

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Certified correct,

Original Signed _____

JAIMIE MCEVOY
CHAIR

Original Signed _____

CARILYN COOK
COMMITTEE SECRETARY