



## **Minutes**

### **Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee**

5:30 pm – Tuesday, April 12, 2016  
Booking Room # 1 (East Room)

#### **VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Doug Bjornson	Glenbrooke North Residents' Association
Gavin McLeod	West End Residents' Association
David Tate	Community Member
Dale Bradley	Massey Victory Heights Residents' Association
Allison Taylor-McBryde	Downtown Residents' Association
John Ashdown	Moody Park Residents' Association
Robert Petrusa	Connaught Heights Residents' Association
Karon Trenaman	Insurance Corporation of British Columbia
Marta Nykl	Quayside Community Board
Gail Ancill	Queenspark Residents' Association

#### **VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:**

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	Chair
Laurie David Moore	Queensborough Residents' Association

#### **ABSENT**

Babar Khalid	McBride/Sapperton Residents' Association
Stan Weismiller	New Westminster Chamber of Commerce Representative
James Jenzen	School District#40 Representative
Cheryl Greenhalgh	NW District Parent Advisory Council

#### **STAFF:**

Lisa Leblanc	Manager of Transportation
Sgt. Mike Garbutt	New Westminster Police
Sandy Kalra	Committee Secretary
Fan Jin	Engineering Technologist
Kanny Chow	Transportation Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm

#### **1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

#### **2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

##### **2.1. Adoption of the Minutes of February 16, 2015**

## **MOVED and SECONDED**

***THAT** the minutes of the Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 16, 2016 be received and adopted.*

**CARRIED**

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

### **3.0 PRESENTATIONS**

#### **3.1 Pattullo Bridge (Upcoming work) – Mr. Scott McFarlane, Translink (Attachment-1)**

Mr. McFarlane – Senior Advisor with TransLink introduced staff that accompanied him to this meeting before commencing with his presentation. He was joined by Angela Madaisky, Adviser with Public Information Group, Bob Moore, Project Manager of Pattullo Bridge Rehabilitation Project and Tim Murphy, Consultant with TransLink, has been working with City of New Westminster on understanding the potential traffic impacts of this work.

#### **Members discussed:**

Mr. Tate would like TransLink to consider banning three axle trucks going over the Pattullo Bridge during this closure period. Members suggested lowering the weight limit of the trucks crossing the bridge in order to reduce the amount of truck traffic crossing this bridge which will also help in extending its life.

Mr. McFarlane informed that TransLink has informed BC Trucking Association and CPC dispatchers how adversely their schedules will be affected with this closure not to mention the economic impact of this delay in traffic.

Member expressed concern about increase in traffic on Twentieth Street as lot of drivers will be using Alex Fraser Bridge and Queensborough Bridge due to restricted traffic on Pattullo Bridge. TransLink staff stated that modelling done in this area did not show significant additional queuing on Twentieth Street.

Members would like TransLink staff to report back in June to show change in traffic pattern following this closure.

Members wanted to know who will be in charge of enforcing speed limit of 30 km/hr on the bridge. Mr. McFarlane confirmed that TransLink will be paying for additional enforcement on the bridge. Mr Garbutt informed that New Westminster Police will also be monitoring traffic on the bridge especially during peak periods. They will especially look for distracted drivers and ones who might try to abuse flaggers.

Ms. Leblanc informed members that City had discussions with TransLink and Ministry of Transportation to ensure that their messages and advertisements do not encourage

drivers to use New Westminster as their alternate route. City has been working with Mr. Murphy on developing a neighbourhood monitoring and mitigation plan.

Mr. Garbutt wanted residents to call New Westminster Non-Emergency number if they find illegal traffic pattern in Downtown area due to this closure.

Ms. Leblanc informed members that Columbia Street onramp will remain close to all traffic during this rehab period and the only access to the bridge will be via Royal Avenue and McBride Boulevard.

Ms. Leblanc encouraged members to come to the Open House at Sapperton Pensioners Hall on Thursday April 14th from 4-8 pm to talk further about issues in their neighbourhoods.

**Procedural Note:** TransLink staff left the meeting at 6:28 pm

### **3.2 Intersection Safety Study – Mr. Kanny Chow (Attachment-2)**

Ms. Leblanc introduced Kanny Chow, Transportation Engineer with the City of New Westminster before he began his presentation. Mr. Chow talked about the recently completed Intersection Safety Review.

#### **Members discussed:**

Member mentioned that crosswalk by 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Eighth Avenue intersection is extremely dangerous especially when traffic is fully backed up. A member wanted to know if there is a possibility of closing the crosswalk at the south leg as there have been lots of near misses where pedestrians have almost been run over by drivers while waiting in queue in the middle of this intersection. Staff informed that City has this location identified and plans to review and address this situation in near future.

Members would like to see more truck signs to direct trucks to truck routes in Sapperton area as a lot of out of town truckers have gotten stuck there after following their GPS instructions. It will help them to find their way in the city easily and at the same time will keep the traffic moving. Staff will add review of truck route signage in the City to their work plan.

Member wanted to know why left hand turn is not allowed on Sixth Street and Tenth Avenue for the delivery trucks to go to Burnaby. Staff noted down this request and will provide an answer at the next NTAC meeting.

## **4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Quayqayt Elementary School Update – Lisa Leblanc**

Ms. Leblanc informed members that the presentation prepared by Allison Taylor-McBryde on Quayqayt Elementary School was shown to Council in February. Her presentation outlined observations, recommendations and concerns regarding traffic

control around this area. Staff has been directed by Council to develop a response after viewing Allison’s presentation and present Council with a list of outstanding items that have been requested and or suggested by Ms. Taylor-McBryde in her report. Staff can email this report to members once it gets approved and added to agenda package for April Council meeting. Staff plans to meet with Quayqayt School’s PAC and go over observations made by Mr. Chow and address items that need to be fixed related to this school.

Ms. Leblanc informed members about an incident that happened recently on Third Street and Royal Avenue where a child was struck by a car. Mr. Garbutt informed members that no charges have been laid at this time. In response to this incident, Mr. Chow was assigned to do a field report, make observations, prepare a report on deficiencies if any, and provide a list of recommendations to improve safety of pedestrians at this intersection.

**Members discussed:**

Ms. Taylor-McBryde wanted to know why is the crosswalk only on one side of Royal Avenue at Third Street. Lot of cars sit in the middle of this intersection blocking it to get onto to the Pattullo Bridge especially during rush hour. Children crossing this intersection have to look at six lanes of traffic while trying to make eye contact with lots of high trucks at the same time.

Ms. Taylor-McBryde wanted to know why is there no 30 km school zone sign on Royal Avenue before Third Street. Staff is looking into rules regarding signage on major road networks. Yellow school zone signs were installed recently where the school property starts and another one will be installed closer to the Third Street intersection.

Mr. Garbutt informed members that City’s Commercial Vehicle Unit monitored traffic on Royal Avenue recently and did not find any of the trucks stopping or blocking Royal Avenue or Third Street. They were all found to be driving within the speed limit as well. The biggest issue they found there was with drivers trying to make illegal right turn on to Third Street going against the “No Right Turn” sign while travelling westbound on Royal Avenue in the curb lane. Members suggested asking developers to construct an overpass to make it safer for hundreds of kids that cross this intersection to get to school.

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 NTAC 2016 Work Plan - Lisa Leblanc (Attachment-3)**

Ms. Leblanc informed members that Mayor’s Transportation Task Force meets monthly to provide direction to staff on implementation of the Master Transportation Plan. In order to ensure input is received from NTAC in a timely manner, Ms. Leblanc suggested having a work plan for this committee that mirrors the plan for Mayor’s Transportation Task Force. It will help committee members forward this information to their Resident Associations so they can plan ahead to discuss topics related to their area. Staff plans

to provide regular updates to Council as well as NTAC members at future meetings. Handouts outlining work plan for 2016 were distributed to members.

**5.2 2016 Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Program – Lisa Leblanc (Attachment-4)**

A report showing which pedestrian crossings will get improved this year will be presented to Council on May 2nd, 2016. Ms. Leblanc went briefly over the process and guidelines that they follow before prioritizing locations that need improvements.

**Members discussed:**

Member suggested installing crosswalks that light up and have audio and visual messages once push button is pressed.

Staff is aware that some push buttons on Columbia Street are on the wrong side of the street and is working on reconciling push button locations with help from City's Electrical Department.

Member wanted to know if flashing beacon lights by Sixth Street and Belmont Street could be delayed so it gives a chance to the pedestrians to bunch up before crossing. This will allow the traffic to move and the pedestrians to cross safely.

Member suggested having raised crosswalks to slow drivers down by all schools in New Westminster just like the one by Lord Kelvin Elementary School on 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ms Leblanc informed members that we will be focusing on schools at the next NTAC meeting. We will be looking at infrastructure of all schools across the City in general and work towards applying consistent approach.

**Procedural Note:** John Ashdown left the meeting at 6:49 pm

**6.0 INDIVIDUAL NEIGHBOURHOOD ISSUES**

**6.1 Moody Park RA Concerns – John Ashdown**

**6.1a Lack of enforcement for cyclists and pedestrians**

To be discussed at a later date.

**6.2b Dangerous to have handicap scooters travelling on roads**

To be discussed at a later date.

**6.2 Glenbrooke North RA Concerns – Doug Bjornson**

**6.2a Pedestrian triggered flashing light or STOP sign at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave & 4<sup>th</sup> St.**

Glenbrooke residents would like flashing light installed at this location as pedestrians have to wait for a long period of time before they can cross this intersection. Staff would like to visit this place to assess the situation before providing a written response.

**6.2b Painted crosswalk at 8<sup>th</sup> Ave & 5<sup>th</sup> St.**

Residents of this area would like this crosswalk painted. Staff will look into this and report back.

**6.2c Enforcement on 8<sup>th</sup> Ave as drivers tend to speed 80 km/hr or up**

Mr. Bjornson would like more enforcement at this location to discourage drivers who tend to speed on this street.

**6.2d Glover Ave residents would like a speed/traffic count done**

Residents would like to have a speed bump on this street as lot of drivers coming off Tenth Ave tend to speed on this street.

**6.2e Police check off 5<sup>th</sup> St & 7<sup>th</sup> Ave during the rush hour**

More enforcement needed during rush hour at this location as lot of cars travelling on Seventh Avenue tend not to stop fully at the stop sign while trying to turn right onto Fifth Street.

**7.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

**7.1 NTAC 2014/2015 Action List**

Ms Leblanc informed that the Action List items will be updated from meeting to meeting. A review of past minutes will be conducted to make sure that everything is included on this list. All action requests received during these meetings will be documented and reviewed by staff. They will be marked complete once a response has been provided and no further action or analysis is required.

Mr Bradley requested to install a “No access to Cariboo Street” sign below the “Right Hand Turn” only sign on Surrey Street making it illegal for the drivers to turn onto Cariboo Road. Staff plans to visit this location in future to analyze

Ms. Taylor-McBride mentioned that she would like the City to consider putting a traffic circle on Agnes and First Street to slow traffic coming off Agnes Street. Staff plans to analyze and respond after evaluating this location.

Ms. Leblanc plans on meeting separately with Queens Park Residents Association to go over traffic concerns in their area especially accessing the bridge during the rush hour.

**8.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**9.0 NEXT MEETINGS**

**Tuesday June 14, 2016  
Tuesday September 13, 2016  
Tuesday November 8, 2016**

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7: 48 pm

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**David Tate  
ALTERNATE CHAIR**

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**Sandy Kalra  
COMMITTEE SECRETARY**