

**City of Chilliwack**  
**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019, 3:30 pm**  
**Dogwood Room – City Hall**

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**Council Members:** Councillor Jeff Shields, Chair  
Councillor Jason Lum, Vice Chair

**TAC Members:** Mike Weightman, ICBC  
Bryden Nelmes, Community Member  
Corporal Mike Pfeifer, RCMP, Traffic Section  
Stephen Head, Community Member  
Chelsea Cromarty, Community Member  
Lisa Trotter, Senior Manager of Government Relations, BC Transit  
Wayne Williams, Manager of Facilities, SD#33 Transportation  
David Swankey, SD33 Board Member  
David Hill, Road Safety Engineer, ICBC  
Shaldon Datt, Hope Area Manager, Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure

**City Staff Members:** Kara Jefford, Manager of Transportation and Drainage  
Samantha Piper, Safer City Specialist  
Trish Alsip, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:** Jim Ryan, Community Member  
Collin Rogers, Chamber of Commerce  
Kevin Pollard, Supervisor of Roads, Transportation & Drainage  
Ian Mandrusiak, Ministry of Transportation

**Guests:** Erin Anderson, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Wayne Michel, Unit Chief, BC Emergency Health Services

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Jeff Shields was Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved / ) That the Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda for Thursday,  
Seconded ( June 20, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved / ) That the Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda held  
Seconded ( Thursday, March 14, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

**4. DELEGATION / PRESENTATION**

Erin Anderson, Senior Manager, Road Safety Strategy and Stakeholder Relations, Policy and Strategic Initiatives Branch, RoadSafetyBC, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, was present.

Erin provided a brief presentation regarding the Vision Zero, a new BC Road Safety strategy. The Vision Zero approach is intended to have all of BC's road safety agencies collaborate together towards the goal of zero traffic fatalities and zero serious injuries. In BC, the strategy is the result of over 30 stakeholder groups including government, the insurance sector, crown entities, enforcement agencies, researchers, the health sector and local government. An upwards of 285 people are killed per year on the roads BC.

The strategy highlights the Safe Systems Approach:

- safe road users
- safe vehicles
- safe roadways
- safe speeds

The BC Community Road Safety Toolkit also helps to provide resources and suggestions for local municipalities to undertake. The three modules include:

1. Protecting People Walking and Cycling
2. Safe Roadway Designs to Protect All Road Users
3. Implementation of Tools and Strategies:
  - a. Be Truck Aware campaign – aims to improve the relationship between large commercial vehicles and passenger vehicles; targeted at passenger vehicles to educate drivers on how to maneuver around large commercial vehicles.
  - b. Variable Speed Limit System  
The Ministry of Transportation has undertaken a pilot project to help reduce the frequency of fatalities and reduce crashes on BC's highways.
  - c. Automated Speed Enforcement - Sites will be updated to capture speed and cameras will start to be phased in this year.
  - d. Cannabis & Drug Affected Driving - BC has increased training for law enforcement and amended the Motor Vehicle Act to provide police more tools to remove drug-impaired driver from the roads.

Chelsea Cromarty joined the meeting at 3:46 pm.

A query was raised regarding data collected on the Variable Speed Limit System. Erin Anderson will look into this enquiry and provide information back to the Committee. Shaldon Datt, Hope Area Manager, Ministry of Transportation (MOT), will also pose this question to MOT staff and report back.

A query was raised with regards to whether there are any motorcycle industry stakeholders participating providing input into the BC Road Safety Strategy. Erin indicated that the stakeholder group 'Motorcycles OK' as well as the Automotive Retailers Association, who have a power sport division, have provided input. There was also a motorcycle symposium held in May 2019.

A query was raised regarding the BC Active Transportation Strategy and whether there are regional targets in place for active transportation travel modes. Erin reported there are no specific local or regional targets at this time, as the first step will be to implement a baseline, which will include data collection.

**4. DELEGATION / PRESENTATION (continued)**

Discussion ensued regarding regional mode-share targets; Lisa Trotter, BC Transit, will bring updated information back to the Committee as BC Transit is currently updating the Transit Future Plan.

Erin Anderson left the meeting at 4:05 pm.

**5. OLD BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

**EV Charging Stations**

In follow up to the March 14, 2019 Transportation Advisory Meeting, a request was made by the Committee for staff to investigate what other communities in the Fraser Valley have in place for installation of charging stations in multi-family residential areas. A recommendation to Council is required; therefore, the following motion has been made:

Moved /        )    That the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends to Council to request  
Seconded     (    that staff investigate what requirements other communities in the Fraser Valley  
                          )    have for the installation of charging stations in single and multi-family residential  
                          )    areas as part of the Zoning Bylaw review.

Carried Unanimously

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**Youth Free Transit Pilot**

Chair Shields recently attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference in Quebec and wished to share information regarding a Youth Free Transit pilot program. The City of Kingston, Ontario has recently implemented a Transit High School Bus Pass Project which encourages more youth to use a sustainable, active mode of transportation to get to school, work and to recreational activities. A transit orientation program was also introduced in that area to help youth familiarize themselves with transit and learn about the cost savings compared to operating a vehicle.

Lisa Trotter, BC Transit, discussed how there has been a small number of communities in BC that have implemented free transit for youth pilot projects. Victoria Regional Transit Commission recently approved youth passes for the Greater Victoria area for youth (18 and under). Lisa informed the Committee about BC Transit outreach to enable life-long transit users called 'Kids Ride the Bus' Program in which schools partner with BC Transit to educate kids about transit. Lisa recommended further analysis prior to making a decision and offered BC Transit's service in gathering data and preparing options for consideration in a staff report for Council.

Vice-Chair Lum spoke regarding how Chilliwack fits into a regional transit model which encompasses the Fraser Valley Express (FVX), routes to Hope, Harrison, and Agassiz; therefore, discussions with the Fraser Valley Regional district areas would be necessary.

A youth free transit pilot program would require further review of funding, revenue, routes, safety risks, ridership, fares, transit bus procurement and levels of service. A query was raised regarding the timeline for results from the Greater Victoria pilot project. The project will be launched in September 2019 and BC Transit is expecting to have results after the first quarter of the 2020. Lisa Trotter will bring back the results to this Committee once they are available.

Vice-Chair Lum left the meeting at 4:18 pm.

**6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

Moved / ) That the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends Council to request  
Seconded ( BC Transit to provide options and analysis for a seasonal and year-round Youth Free  
Transit Pilot and for staff to prepare a report to Council.

Carried Unanimously

**7. INFORMATION**

David Swankey left at 4:29 pm and returned at 4:31 pm.

**Motorcycle Safety – Chilliwack Motorcycle GLP Proposal**

Stephen Head provided the Committee with information and a brief presentation regarding motorcycles and the Graduated License Program (GLP). He recommends compulsory training and restricting the engine displacement of motorcycles that new riders can operate. There is a lack of incentives for new motorcycle riders to take training with no formal rider training requirement in Canada.

Stephen spoke regarding an initiative called C.O.R.E.Y Safe which was created by Corey Lodge’s mother, after Corey’s death from a motorcycle accident 24 hours after receiving his Learner Motorcycle Driver’s Permit.

Discussion ensued regarding data and whether there is an impact of driver trainer on reducing crashes as well as the many variables that need to be considered.

Moved / ) That the Transportation Advisory Committee recommends the City of Chilliwack  
Seconded ( send a letter of endorsement to the BC Minister of Transportation and  
Infrastructure that BC includes motorcycles in the Graduated License Program  
(GLP); and further, that consideration be given to compulsory training and  
restricting the engine displacement of motorcycles that new riders can operate.

Carried Unanimously

**2019 Membership List – updated**

An updated 2019 Membership List was provided. David Hill, Road Safety Engineer, ICBC was welcomed back to the Committee.

**8. ROUND TABLE**

Corporal Mike Pfeifer, RCMP Traffic Section, reported the Yarrow Project is complete. The RCMP and Samantha Piper, Safer City Specialist, worked diligently to address speed and road safety issues in Yarrow.

The RCMP are preparing for enforcement of summer traffic travelling through Yarrow to and from Cultus Lake.

**8. ROUND TABLE (continued)**

Kara Jefford, Manager of Transportation and Drainage provided information regarding questions posed by Committee Members ahead of today's meeting:

1. Pedestrian Plan Update:  
The plan is currently being updated and staff have organized a public engagement strategy. Over the summer, focus will be on engaging stakeholders, community service organizations and seniors. In the fall, there will be digital engagement and an open house for the general public and School District. A draft plan will be brought to Council and the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) later in 2019. An extra TAC meeting may be scheduled for a focused workshop on the draft Pedestrian Plan.
2. Bike Map Update  
The line work is complete and staff will be meeting with Tourism Chilliwack in the coming weeks to discuss creating a bike map with an interactive mobile app product available for smart phones.
3. Keith Wilson Upgrade Update  
An open house was held in Sardis on January 24, 2019 where interim upgrades to Keith Wilson Road were outlined including plans for asphalt sidewalks. Two more Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFB's) are planned for Keith Wilson at Janis Street as well as Lindys Drive in 2019/20.
4. Broadway/Airport Update:  
The next section of the Valley Rail Trail from Broadway/Airport north to Hocking Avenue is proceeding and has received funding through the province's BikeBC Program. A staff report was presented to Council recommending buffered bike lanes on Broadway and Airport. Council expressed concerns with the options presented. Staff will bring a report back to Council once detailed design work has been completed.

Shaldon Datt, Hope Area Manager, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, provided an update regarding the Variable Speed Limit System (VSL). Construction is ahead of schedule with a completion date of August 15, 2019. Highway 3 is expected to be live in November 2019, Hope in October 2019 and Chilliwack will be live in February 2020. Project managers will be providing a presentation to all stakeholders in the September 2019.

David Hill, Road Safety Engineer, ICBC, has been working with City of Chilliwack staff regarding possible ICBC funding opportunities. David will provide more information in the near future.

David Swankey, SD33 Board Member, thanked staff for the Pedestrian Plan update. David noted that SD33 is receptive to whichever avenue of communication is best for SD33 to be productive and provide input regarding the plan. He suggested any information or updates be forwarded and he will ensure it is included the 'Connect 33', the School District's internal memo which is circulated to staff and the District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC).

The School District has updated their Transportation Policy to acknowledge the School District's desire to work with the City of Chilliwack regarding public transportation, cycling and pedestrian issues.

Bike to School Week is a free and fun celebration of biking to school and takes place May 27 – June 2, 2019. G.W. Graham Secondary School hosted a 'GoByBike Week' on May 30, 2019.

**8. ROUND TABLE (continued)**

David thanked staff for the bike map update today. He suggested input from the cycling community regarding the new bike map. Staff have noted this and plan to consult Cycle Chilliwack to include their input and suggestions.

Lastly, David forwarded a request on behalf of parents who are concerned regarding the use of rumble strips between cycle lanes and roadways. These could create issues for some cyclists, particularly, the younger cyclists.

Wayne Michel, Unit Chief, BC Emergency Health Services, has been on a similar committee in Langley for the past 12 years. He attended today's meeting to learn what initiatives the City of Chilliwack currently has, what is being addressed and what may still need to be addressed.

Chelsea Cromarty, Community Member, asked about the possibility of increasing the frequency of transit on the Chilliwack-Agassiz-Harrison bus route. Lisa Trotter, BC Transit spoke about the Transit Future Action Plan update. As part of the update, BC Transit has hosted public engagement sessions in Hope, Agassiz, Harrison and Chilliwack. BC Transit looks forward to expanding on those routes in the near future as expansion funds become available.

Chelsea enquired the status regarding upgrades to Spadina Avenue and requested consideration of an impermeable surface for parking.

Wayne Williams, Manager of Facilities, SD 33, wished to express his thanks to the City of Chilliwack Engineering staff and Samantha Piper, Safer City Specialist, as another school year is winding down. He also wanted to acknowledge Corporal Mike Pfeifer, RCMP Traffic Section, for his hard work and diligence in reducing the number of red-light runners and to reiterate the importance of educating the general public regarding this safety issue.

Bryden Nelmes, Community Member, queried the Hack Brown/Prest/5-Corner Design Build Project. Staff confirmed Hack Brown Road will be re-aligned to separate it from the highway off-ramp to make the exit safer.

Chair Shields discussed the Annis Road overpass and staff have identified the requirement for signalization at the off-ramp as the population continues to increase. Shaldon Datt, Hope Area Manager, will reiterate the concern to the Ministry of Transportation for further review.

Lisa Trotter introduced herself to the new committee members. Lisa is the Senior Manager of Government Relations for BC Transit for the South Coast Region which covers Sea-to-Sky, Fraser Valley, Sunshine Coast and Powell River. Lisa thanked the Committee for having her and conveyed her appreciation for any questions the Committee has for her and her team.

Mike Weightman, ICBC provided an update on the agreement renewal for police services for extra enforcement in Chilliwack which includes the Integrated Road Safety Unit and the Bait Car Program. ICBC will be stepping up their enforcement of impaired drivers at Counter Attack road checks beginning on the July 1st weekend and will be working with Police Services on the Floating Counter Attack Key Chains initiative for boat launches this summer at Cultus Lake and Island 22.

**8. ROUND TABLE (continued)**

Samantha Piper provided information regarding the following Safer City events:

1. A spring roundabout open house was held recently with approximately 80 people in attendance.
2. A spring commercial vehicle check has been held by the Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) in partnership with Safer City and the RCMP. During this last check, the hours were changed to 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Another check is scheduled for the first week of October 2019.
3. Safer City partners with Speed Watch and the RCMP's Traffic Section on the School Zone Enforcement Initiative setting up speed watches in the morning and afternoons. Since March 2019, school zone enforcement has occurred at Vedder Elementary, Watson Elementary, Greendale Elementary, Tyson Elementary, Central Elementary and East Chilliwack on several occasions at each location.
4. The 3 Strikes Program has taken place at Vedder Mountain Road, Boundary Road and Chilliwack Mountain Road in the mornings. There is also focus on commuter hours with set-up starting at 4:00 pm and continuing throughout the summer.
5. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'Scooter Rodeo' was held indoors this year on April 27, 2019 at The Landing Sports Centre. The event was well received with approximately 40 people in attendance.
6. The Hey Neighbour 'Slow Down' Program took place on Lickman Road south recently. The residents in the neighbourhood find great success each year with the sign program. Signage will be going up on Portage Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the next few weeks.
7. The Yarrow Action Plan came to fruition due to the Yarrow Rate Payer's Association request. City of Chilliwack Management and the RCMP met with the Rate Payer's Association at the end of February 2019. The Rate Payer's Association expressed concern regarding a number of road safety issues in Yarrow. In April 2019, a program was developed to collect speed data for two weeks on a number of major corridors in the Yarrow area. From April 18– May 31, education and enforcement projects were undertaken. Data was collected again in the beginning of June with the team meeting with Yarrow residents last week to obtain feedback and provide them with the results of the project. It was well received and Safer City, Speed Watch and the RCMP Traffic Section work will continue working with the residents of Yarrow.
8. Watson Elementary School is now participating in the Safer School Travel Program. The program was developed by Safer City to identify school road safety related issues.
9. This afternoon, Safer City and the RCMP Traffic Section, joined forces with the Kindness Crew from 98.3 Star FM to conduct a community engagement activity by rewarding good drivers for taking their time through school zones. Today, drivers in the Bernard Elementary School zone were rewarded with gift packages handed out with the help from a few Grade 3 students and RE/MAX realtors.

Chair Shields noted the Lickman Interchange Project is ahead of schedule and acknowledged the contractors for their diligence in keeping traffic flowing through the construction period.

Wayne Williams, on behalf of SD33, gave praise regarding the traffic improvement along Vedder Mountain Road towards the Cultus Lake roundabout due to the new Vedder Bridge and the Cultus Lake roundabout.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 3:30 pm on Thursday, October 3, 2019 in the Dogwood Room, City Hall.

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**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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Councillor Jeff Shields, Chair