

**Town of Annapolis Royal  
Traffic Flow Advisory Committee Public Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
April 18, 2013**

**Item #1 Champlain Street**

Congestion and unnecessary travel, congestion coming out of AWEC, one way directed traffic down Champlain Street out to St. George Street, concerns especially with closure of ARRA.

Solution - reopening from AWEC parking lot to St. George Street by St. Patricks' lane

Did you have concerns with one street with two way and one way traffic?

People coming in to Champlain from away not knowing street directions when coming in, still have to come in at Baptist Church.

What happens to the parking on that street? - any event has to be reported to the police at the town hall including events being held at the school.

What is the reason to change it? in order to keep congestion down for the public.

The seniors' who live in that area see someone every day drive the wrong way on the street. The safety part of it - the traffic flows down then comes back, the kids coming out drive both ways; right now we have control because they are coming out one way. Why can there not be parking on that street, it is safer to have them all going in the one direction, kids are tearing out of there, assign the police to the area.

Buses that go to AWEC are the same buses that go to ARRA; the traffic from parents may increase, put up more signage to let people know that it is a one way street. The number of people using the buses will remain the same, why change something that is not broken.

How much will this cost the town? Looking at signage only, couple hundred of dollars in that one area,

Most vulnerable people the seniors live in the area where you want to change traffic flow, why increase traffic going both ways, they did this two years ago, it did not work then

Today in the seniors complex most of the seniors drive cars, years ago it was not the case, getting out when there is a bus or car coming down, one way at least we know and pay attention for, I much prefer the way it is now, I live there, we make the block, it is a narrow street, no parking in the seniors anymore so the caretakers park on the shoulder by the school to get in to the seniors because there is not much parking. The bus stops and lets people out all the time.

Hands raised – all people present raised their hands to have the street remain as is.

**Item #2 - St. George to Victoria along St. Anthony Street**

Discussion was held regarding the safety by the pharmacy. The traffic turning in by pharmacy, important for safety, coming from the lights one way all the way down, same as what we have, leave going into the drug store, one way stop at the post office, do not come up through town again, when they park by drug store to unload, they double park, leave section by Dargies and Pharmacy, one way going down St. Anthony Street.

Change the road that goes into drug store only.

Mayor Tompkins advised there is a blind corner, the loading zone creates an issue for residential traffic, go one way from St. George to Victoria going down St. Anthony Street.

The loading zone from the drug store is on the side, why can't they park in front like all the other trucks. Why does the drug store get all the priorities for this street?

Come from St. Anthony to St. George Street - one lane of traffic going in both directions. The power pole is right on the corner which makes traffic come down St. Anthony and turn left on St. George Street.

Suggestion - Remove the loading zone completely off the side street. Mayor - this would still be a blind corner.

Assuming leave traffic flow the same on St. George Street, make it a two way stop, force them to stop in front of CARP, it allows people to turn left there, but at least it gets people to slow down and stop.

The issue of the loading zone, is the whole issue of trucks on St. Anthony and around the corner on St. George, it makes it difficult to cross the street, the delivery trucks could park in back, without trucks double parking, the town would be well advised to work with the business and owners along the street to facilitate proper deliveries, double parking right now is a safety issue, have been trapped by a truck being parking along side of me, strict enforcement of no double parking, work with the pharmacy to find an alternative solution.

The land behind was offered to the pharmacy for parking, they declined.

Mayor there is the loading issue, the safety issue is the traffic coming out.

Do agree with two stop signs; would be a good solution, coming out of Victoria Street in front of Royal Bank it is difficult to see when coming out to turn.

Agree with two way stop, do not have problem with blind corner, edge forward, I cannot believe we are having a discussion about the pharmacy loading.

Coming up from St. Anthony by the post office, people backing up out of post office, if you turn it in to one way road, you will bottle neck post office road.

With the existing plan, making it one way, four way stop, at the height of the season you will have cars backed up the one way street trying to turn that corner, coming from St. George from the lights and traffic is backed up and people will not come in.

If St. George gets reversed it should be a four way stop.

If you turn it one way by the pharmacy you will have everyone exiting at once for example after the Natal Day fireworks. They will go down that street and say where is the town.

Enforce the signs.

Your natural traffic flow is from the lights down; if you stop people at St. Anthony Street they may drive by the Town.

The main problem on St. Anthony is the truck parking, take away two parking spots from the front street and allow delivery trucks to park there. The main problem is the safety, the cross walk safety; vehicles have to swing out around the trucks.

If only the traffic was our problem, most of the time there isn't a car, suggest key times, no deliveries on Saturdays, maybe there is a timing issue, have that put out to the businesses.

When you come down St. George the vista is 1000 times better.

The corner of St. Anthony and St. George was the highway and had blind corners.

Alan Melanson, bus tours not a problem, put best foot forward in tourism, we are the main public for 9 months of the year, tourists are not going to stop in a town if they don't know what there is. Signage and getting right traffic flow for people to survive is the solution.

Looks like existing traffic flow is OK.

The proposed change takes the traffic away from town and this will ruin every business on lower St. George Street.

What is lovely when you go travel to a place is you get a glimpse, you have looked and it is welcoming, there is a flow, tourists have been told to go down from route 8, once they do the first pass, they get the first glimpse, then they will park and walk.

Proposed would mean people coming down St. George would see a don't enter sign and leave town.

Driving the proposed flow way, there may be a head on accident by the royal bank, leave it the way it is.

Lillian Stewart noted the main drive way to Fort Anne to where people exit now may have to change, may run into confusion to entrance to Fort Anne, 1998 - 398 bus tours, 2011- 58 bus tours, did a survey with bus drivers, they indicated they may not be able to make the turn, the \$10,000 sign at the entrance would have to be moved.

Barrier at the lights - would like to know what you mean by barrier system.  
The barrier system would have signage like up at the lights.

People who come into town and cannot find the parking lot, there should be signage available to show parking lot.

What are the financial implications for the town for all the changes? Mayor - the financial side would be determined by what we do with the proposals.

The people want the same status quo, the only issue is how are we going to ease the situation by the drug store, the rest of it do not tamper with it.

Parking, I have come into town in winter, there are lots of cars, 2 hour limited parking, owners and staff park right out front of their businesses, parking is a big problem, how can we control parking, make more parking, allow visitors to use the parking spots.

Cops should be enforcing staff parking at the legion or farmers parking.

The farmer market was designed for the tourist, the parking issue is always the problem, there are ways to solve this, the land between home hardware and liquor store, it could be prepared for overflow parking, and if signage was there they would find it, only problem would be mud on a rainy day so put down some gravel.

The natural flow is going down St. George, two hour parking- tourists if they get a ticket they will not come back.

90 minutes everything has been negative, nothing and nobody is supporting proposals, you make the first impression only once.

Safety issue on St. George going to St. Anthony put a two way stop, or stop sign and doing something else about the loading zones.

Put a silent policeman by playground and move the cross walk further into lower St. George.

Refreshing to see council involve us in the process.

Meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

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Mayor Michael Tompkins

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Recording Secretary Bourke