

**TOWN OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL  
TRAFFIC FLOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
March 11, 2013, 11:00 am**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Councillor Mersereau called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

**2. PRESENT:** Mayor Tompkins, Councillor Mersereau, Councillor Paquette, Local Traffic Authority Kevin McLean, Chief of Police Burt McNeil, Recording Secretary Bourke, 2 members of the general public.

**3. REGRETS**

**4. CONFIRMATION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Councillor Mersereau advised the inaugural meeting was held January 26, 2013 and Mayor Tompkins was appointed Chair, and Councillor Mersereau was appointed Vice-Chair.

**5. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

Addition: Public Input

**6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION #1**

It was moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Police Chief McNeil to approve the agenda as amended. **CARRIED.**

**7. TRAFFIC FLOW COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

Councillor Mersereau read notes from January 26, 2013, 2:26 pm as follows:

- Attending inaugural meeting - Mayor Tompkins, Councillor Mersereau and Councillor Paquette
- Elected Mayor Tompkins as Chair, and Councillor Mersereau as Vice Chair
- Agenda at that time was open – talked about inviting comments and input from the public for consideration to this committee
- Discussed changes of vehicular traffic flow on some streets, signage and crosswalks
- Developed a list of considerations
- Traffic flow direction, Mayor Tompkins suggested consideration by the Committee be given to the direction of traffic flow permitted on St. George Street between Drury Lane and St. Anthony Street section, along with consideration of making it a one way one street on St. Anthony between St. George Street and Victoria Street
- Drury lane would be two lane as present, then go southerly instead of northerly from Drury Lane intersection up to the corner of St. Anthony; and that little piece of St. Anthony with the difficult intersection would be one way going northerly;

- and suggested potential benefits of this is to encourage people to get out of cars, walk and shop, better use of existing parking services, potential to increase visitation.
- Concerns about traffic on Chapel Street, encourage people to use Drury Lane, offer the potential for more parking lots. Councillor Paquette noted the parking stalls would be on the diagonal on one side of the street. Councillor Mersereau suggested considering the pros and cons, and the costs of making the changes.

Police Chief McNeil inquired when discussing parking space has consideration been given to the Old Irving garage, could be used for parking with green space. Councillor Paquette advised there is a group dealing with Irving with the intent to start an antique car restoration business. Councillor Mersereau suggested a member of the Marketing and Economic Development Committee be asked to follow up re: antique car restoration business.

Councillor Mersereau advised that in terms of signage and crosswalks it was a general discussion, including whether or not to retain speed limit signs that are not enforceable - signs posted under 50 km speed limits; request for a handicap crosswalk on upper St. George Street - might require expensive cautionary signage.

Councillor Mersereau advised a list of points for consideration when evaluating traffic issues was developed which include:

- Traffic counts and volume
- Demand for parking
- Safety issues
- Traffic flow direction
- Traffic calming initiative
- Traffic direction flow
- Public input
- Enforcement considerations.

List of present day concerns includes:

- Drury Lane versus Chapel Street, in context of people leaving by Drury Lane,
- Some concern about Church Street and how it is being managed in the summer time
- The private lane way closed off for a pedestrian mall
- St. Anthony Street and St. George Street intersection
- Champlain Drive – speeding concerns and also one or two way
- St Anthony and Prince Alberta Road “Y” intersection.

Mayor Tompkins arrived at the meeting at 11: 25 am.

Gail Robertson advised vehicles park in front of the Masonic Lodge on market day. Councillor Paquette noted Elvis Lane is closed from Spring until Fall, 9 months of the year. Mayor Tompkins advised it is a right of way across private property.

Councillor Paquette noted there is a stop sign on the private lane. Councillor Mersereau suggested the Town should not be allowing people to drive on it. Mayor Tompkins advised it is not a road/lane and the Town should be maintaining town owned property. It was agreed to investigate the right of way lane area.

Gail Robertson commented that school children use and walk down the middle of Church Street because it is not defined and is a dead end. Councillor Paquette noted local cars using Church Street relinquish to the pedestrians and are aware pedestrians use it as a pedestrian walk way. Mayor Tompkins suggested asking those who use Church Street as a pedestrian walkway for their input.

**8) PRESENTATIONS:** None

**9) NEW BUSINESS:**

**A) REVIEW OF MANDATE**

Councillor Paquette suggested once all of the traffic flow issues have been taken care of, the Committee would not remain a full time committee, would then fall under PHAC.

**MOTION 2#**

It was moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Police Chief McNeil to recommend to Council that once the mandate of the Traffic Flow Advisory Committee has been fulfilled, future traffic considerations will become issues for the Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee. **CARRIED.**

**B) i) Champlain Drive- issues discussed**

- Most prevalent concerns from residents' submissions is speeding, speed issue am & pm during school year, suggestion of another school zone sign, suggestion of purchase of a portable sign that shows speed of vehicle
- Squealing tires, Police of Chief McNeil noted 4 have been charged for this offence
- Concern with Champlain Street - driving around the block to get to the hospital; it is built for two way , no parking on entire length
- On Victoria Street can widen out from post office down to St. George Street, all 2 hour parking. Parking comes into play with proposed changes to school. Advantage of two way – does it make it better for access.
- Gail Robertson inquired with regards to School Street noting all the buses go in one direction; it did alleviate the bus traffic
- 2 way without parking - from the school up - do not see an issue
- Turning this back into two way, from school driveway to St. Patrick Lane
- Overflow parking is at the Municipal Building
- Municipal Government Act allows Council to permit temporary parking exceptions.

Mayor Tompkins advised there will be a public presentation once all the recommendations of the Committee have been completed.

### **MOTION 3#**

It was moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Local Traffic Authority Kevin McLean to recommend to Council that Champlain Drive from the school entrance to St. Patrick's Lane be two way traffic with no parking. **CARRIED.**

ii) Chapel Street – issues discussed:

- Speeding on Chapel Street, consideration of portable speed monitor
- Talk to other municipalities who have portable speed monitors to determine effectiveness.

### **MOTION 4#**

It was moved by Councillor Paquette, seconded by Councillor Mersereau to recommend to Council to budget \$2,800.00 for a portable speed monitor from the public works budget; and to contact other municipalities to determine effectiveness. **CARRIED.**

- Issues of perception of speeding
- Noise of tires squealing
- Cats crossing signs be removed
- No designated walking area from corner down, consider painted lines indicating the sidewalk portion, deals with traffic calming. It was noted that a 3 foot separation or 6 inch curb is required, if you paint a lane you are inviting the public to walk there and it could become a safety issue. Local Traffic Authority Kevin McLean will investigate the rules of designated biking lanes
- Issues by the children's playground
- Planters fixed the parking issue, planters are only there for the summer, consider a temporary curb rather than planter, issue is from playground to chocolate store – there is a flat sidewalk without the curb, put planters so no one would park there
- Planters are good, placement of planters is important, placed so they do not obstruct traffic
- Speed for childrens' playground is an issue, posted at 30 km, consider playground signs instead of the 30km sign
- Speed limit signs at Fortier Mills, suggest 25 km, on a turn you can put up a turn sign with suggested speed
- Local Traffic Authority Kevin Mclean to contact Donnie Brown and advise the only enforceable signs are 50km.

Mayor Tompkins suggested having a playground sign rather than 30 km sign by the playground. It was agreed to leave Chapel Street signage as is.

### **MOTION 5#**

It was moved by Councillor Paquette seconded by Councillor Mersereau to recommend to Council that the cat signs be moved from public property and erected on private property and a letter be sent to the residents advising of such. **CARRIED.**

iii) St. George Street – issues discussed

- Consideration be given to one way- come down St. Anthony Street from St. George Street turn into one way, to Victoria Street - one way north bound
- First main parking area is at farmers market, going back up should be more open
- There is no funnelling to Champlain Drive
- Bus traffic for Fort Anne – this is where they first arrive, easy for buses to get in
- Actual parking, consider more diagonal parking, or parking all on one side of the street and not the other, it would be interesting to know how much diagonal parking we could get
- Down by banks and theatre, barriers could be used
- 4 way at post office
- One way south bound St. George Street between Drury Lane to St. Anthony Street
- Parking only on St. George Street, barrier at St. George Street.

Councillor Mersereau suggested this be brought forward to the next meeting of the Committee, keeping an open mind with pros and cons. Local Traffic Authority Kevin McLean will have to measure to determine number of potential diagonal parking stalls.

Councillor Paquette noted the one way on St. James Street would remain the same and the two way on Victoria Street, suggested changing the end of St. James Street by Bistro East to have the traffic flow the other direction.

**10. NEXT MEETING:** 12:00 pm, Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION 6#**

It was moved by Councillor Mersereau, seconded by Councillor Paquette to adjourn at 1:13 pm. **CARRIED.**

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Chair Mayor Tompkins

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Recording Secretary Bourke