

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

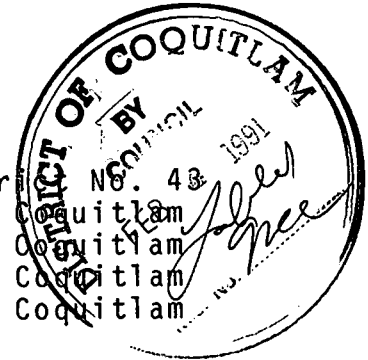
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
1991 JANUARY 17

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Attending:

Louise Rodgers
Cpl. Field
Svein Urdahl
Tim Murphy
Dan Mooney
Catherine Mohoruk
Lenore Stiller

I.C.B.C.
R.C.M.P.
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1) **SOUND OFF/SEND OFF - Youth Groups**

Louise Rogers informed the committee that the Counter Attack Program was very successful. There was a big turnout regardless of the rainy weather. The program received good exposure from B.C.T.V. AND C.F.M.I. Radio. It was held December 8th, 1990 at three different locations, Westwood Mall, Como Lake Village and at the Real Canadian Superstore (Lougheed Highway at Kingsway).

There are plans for similar programs to be put forth every year to raise public awareness of the Counter Attach Program.

2. **1991 BUDGET PROPOSALS**

Tim Murphy reported various projects that have have been proposed in the 1991 Budget:

- We have received funding to update our Speeding Awareness Video.
- We have received funding to produce a **Spring Newsletter** on Traffic Safety. This is to go out to all the residents in the Coquitlam District. A Fall Newsletter has also been proposed, but not yet approved.
- A proposal has been submitted, but not yet approved, for a **Public Awareness Video** to be incorporated into the school system to make students and parents aware of traffic safety.
- A proposal has been submitted for an **"Accident Study"**. A consultant would be hired for this study. The idea is to find the most common areas where accidents are occurring and analyze the area and/or situation, i.e., driver behavior etc.

- Funding for a **"Principals Workshop"** has been submitted. The objective is to bring the principals up-to-date and explain in greater detail the "Safe Route To School" program, proper use of traffic controls, programs offered to the schools by I.C.B.C., R.C.M.P. enforcement programs, and current traffic safety problems common to all the schools. Principals and agencies will be able to improve communication regarding various traffic problems in school areas. This will include the development of a slide program and a video for the school to keep and show to their students.

- A **"Crossing Guard Workshop"** has been proposed to provide training to crossing guards employed by the School District. The School District is to schedule these seminars during their professional development days. Seminars to include review of the Motor Vehicle Act, Safe Route To School Program and round table discussion. We hope to implement this workshop in the third or fourth week of September.

- A **"Flagging Course"** should be formalized so that the proper procedures in flagging will be used.

- Proposal for **"Campaign Banners"** to be installed every year has been submitted. (i.e., Counter Attack, Safety Week, Police Week, etc.)

3. TRAFFIC SIGNALS STATUS REPORT

Dan reported that the system development is coming to a finish. Operational problems are now being worked on. Dan reported that a representative from Chicago will be arriving on February 11th, to look at our Pre-Emption System. Overall system is working well.. The Ministry of Transportation and Highways will now be officially notified, by correspondence, for extending the system to the provincial highway.

4. PARENT GROUP OUTREACH STATUS

The District will be visiting the remaining eight schools in February and March. There are a total of twenty-eight schools in the District, and when the remaining eight have been done, the program will start all over again. The objective of these Parent/Group meetings is to discuss topics of interest regarding traffic safety. (i.e., traffic system, speeding awareness video, school drop off/pick up facilities, etc.).

It was suggested that not only should the Traffic Section be a part of these meetings, but also the R.C.M.P., so that parents may be made aware of level of service that can be expected at the schools regarding R.C.M.P. enforcement.

Topics for the second part of the program would include bicycle safety, driver behavior at pick-up drop off points, the implementation of the audible pedestrian signals, and a detailed slide presentation of the Safe Route To School.

5. MILLSIDE SCHOOL PICK-UP/DROP OFF FACILITY

Dan reported that all civil work has now been done. The District is now working on signing plans and road markings for the area and will install these signs when Schoolhouse Street re-opens. A one page handout will be prepared to inform motorists of the new drop off/pick up facilities.

6. GLEN ELEMENTARY/GLEN PARK DROP OFF

Tim reported that the Parks Department and the District have come to a agreement on a preliminary design plan for that facility. A detailed design is being prepared by the School District.

7. SPRING AWARENESS PROGRAM

This program will identify areas of traffic safety in Coquitlam that require additional public awareness. Tim suggested that the Speeding Awareness Video be updated. The Traffic Section, I.C.B.C., and R.C.M.P. suggested late Spring for the running of the Program. Programs are to be set up in malls with video presentation. Tim also suggested that prior to the program, the "Spring Newsletter" should be sent out with an article on the program.

8. SPRING NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is designed to inform the public of traffic safety programs, ongoing enforcement of traffic regulations, and new controls and facilities provided by the District and other agencies. Topic suggestions included:

- B.C. Transit to publicize meetings and open house schedules
- I.C.B.C. Programs such as:
 - Host Responsibilities
 - Mocktail Recipes
 - Driving Tips/Hints
 - School Focus (different schools)
 - Speeding/Penalty Points
 - Interviews with people in the community with jobs relating to traffic.
- Traffic Conflict Study
- Things You Can Do To Make Your Community A Safer Place

9. CNIB - NEWSLETTER

Tim reported that the District of Coquitlam was recognized in the Fall issue of the CNIB Newsletter for the implementation of audible traffic signals in the municipality.

10. FOSTER/SCHOOLHOUSE FOUR-WAY STOP

Dan reported that the four-way stop control was implemented at Schoolhouse Street and Foster Avenue on November 28, 1990. The four-way stop condition was implemented following a review of the traffic volume and accident records.

An observance survey was undertaken on December 10, 1990 which showed 72% of the 630 vehicles travelling through the intersection came to a full stop, while 28% of the vehicles came to a rolling stop and 0.4% vehicles made no stop. The overall operation of the intersection was very good.

11. SNOW REMOVAL

Bob Boyd reported on the procedures of snow removal during the heavy winter storm. A suggestion was made regarding possible parking regulations to make snow removal safer and easier.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan is to look at the Eagle Ridge School crossing guard.

Louise suggested neon stickers be produced so that kids may wear them on clothing when going out at night., (i.e., Halloween).

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 1991 10:00 am.,
Council Committee Room