

MOTION ON NOTICE

2. Traffic Safety and Increased Traffic Volume - 4th Avenue West of Macdonald

At the Regular Council meeting on February 18, 2014, Councillor Affleck submitted the following Notice of Motion.

MOVER: Councillor Affleck

SECONDER: Councillor Ball

WHEREAS

1. Keeping Vancouver streets safe for everyone - pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers, is a goal of the City of Vancouver;
2. On January 18, 2014, City crews closed Point Grey Road at Macdonald Street to through traffic vehicles, making Point Grey Road west of Macdonald Street a local street and forcing Westbound traffic south on Macdonald Street;
3. According to staff reports, closing Point Grey Road at Macdonald Street now diverts approximately 10,000 vehicles per day onto other arterial roads, including West 4th Avenue, and to a lesser degree, Broadway, West 10th Avenue and West 16th Avenue, as the remaining east-west connectors;
4. Residents in the neighbourhood north of 4th Avenue report that travelling south on any of the neighbourhood side streets (Balaclava, Trutch, Blenheim, Dunbar) and attempting to turn left onto 4th Avenue during the morning rush has now become difficult and dangerous due to the diversion of vehicles from Point Grey Road;
5. The City is currently monitoring traffic volumes in this neighbourhood, reviewing sight lines at the intersections, and reviewing other options including adding vehicle detection loops to activate existing signals along 4th Avenue.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to install appropriate traffic signals on 4th Avenue as soon as possible to mitigate the impacts of traffic that has been diverted from Point Grey Road and allow safe egress from the neighbourhood.
- B. THAT funds for appropriate traffic signals on 4th Avenue, and any other mitigations that may be needed, be found within the up to \$6.0 million budget previously approved by Council for Phase 1 of the completion of the Seaside Greenway and creation of the York Bikeway.