

CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT DIVISION)

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

RE: BUS USAGE OF KITCHENER STREET

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council forward a copy of this report to Mr. D. Renwick, Manager, Burnaby Transit Centre and Mr. Scott Mitchell, 4005 Grant Street, Burnaby, B.C. and J. Houlihan, President, Local 11, Independent Canadian Transit Union.

REPORT

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Transportation and Transit Division), at its meeting held on 1997 October 08, adopted the *attached* report advising of recent analysis of the usage of Kitchener Street east of the Burnaby Transit Centre by transit buses.

The Committee in reviewing the report agreed that the recommendation should include J. Houlihan, President, Local 11, Independent Canadian Transit Union. Arising from discussion on the ongoing problem of transit usage on Kitchener Street, the Committee also requested that staff investigate with citizen representatives from the Kitchener area, the implementation of a Local Improvement Program for a speed hump initiative on Kitchener Street.

MEMBERS:

Ms. L. Boivin
Mr. R. Lupien
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Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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Member

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Councillor N. Volkow
Member

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

1997 SEPTEMBER 30

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: BUS USAGE OF KITCHENER STREET

PURPOSE: To advise the Traffic and Transportation Committee of recent analysis of the usage of Kitchener Street east of the Burnaby Transit Centre by transit buses.

RECOMMENDATION:

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REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its regular meeting of 1997 June 11, the Traffic and Transportation Committee received delegations from Mr. Scott Mitchell of 4005 Grant Street, Burnaby and Mr. Doug Renwick, Manager, Burnaby Transit Centre on the subject of the use of Kitchener Street east of the Burnaby Transit Centre by BC Transit buses. In response to concerns expressed by Mr. Mitchell regarding the volume of buses using Kitchener Street, Mr. D. Renwick assured the Committee that steps would be taken not only to enforce the existing agreement with the City of Burnaby as summarized in Section 2.0 of this report, but also to eliminate buses entirely using Kitchener Street east of the Burnaby Transit Centre.

Recently, however, there have been complaints from area residents that buses are continuing to use Kitchener Street in violation of the current agreement with BC Transit. To determine the degree of compliance with the current agreement, counts of transit vehicles on Kitchener Street have been undertaken. An analysis of the current situation is provided for the information of the Committee as a basis for further action.

2.0 COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT AGREEMENT

The current agreement with BC Transit permits buses to use Kitchener Street between Ingleton and Douglas between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays only. Buses are prohibited from using Kitchener outside of these hours on weekdays and at all times on weekends.

To assess compliance with this agreement, staff conducted 24 hour vehicle classification counts from Tuesday 1997 September 16 to Sunday 1997 September 21. The results are outlined in Table 1 below.

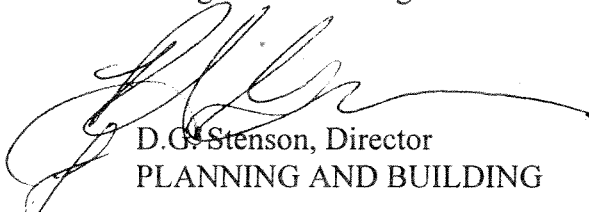
TABLE 1
BUS VOLUMES
KITCHENER STREET: DOUGLAS TO INGLETON
(both directions)

TIME PERIOD	Tues 16	Wed 17	Thurs 18	Fri 19	Sat 20	Sun 21	Total
Before 6:30 a.m.	1	1	1	1	0	1	5
6:31 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	56	54	51	41	1	0	203
After 7:00 p.m.	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Total	57	55	52	42	2	1	210

The results show that in the six day period, eight (shown in bold type) of the 210 buses using the section of Kitchener Street from Ingleton to Douglas were not in compliance with the agreement with BC Transit on bus use of Kitchener Street. This represents a rate of compliance of 96.2%.

3.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the analysis of bus volumes on Kitchener Street between Ingleton and Douglas, it can be concluded that BC Transit with few exceptions is in compliance with the existing agreement with the City on bus use of Kitchener Street. From this perspective the previous agreement with BC Transit can be viewed as generally workable. However, in appearing before the Committee at its June meeting the Manager, Burnaby Transit Centre extended a further commitment to divert all buses away from Kitchener Street between Ingleton and Douglas. In this respect as the transit vehicle counts show little progress in this direction, further discussion with the Burnaby Transit Centre will be required. These discussions should focus on developing a process and a timetable to achieve a complete elimination of transit vehicles on Kitchener between Ingleton and Douglas.


 D.C. Stenson, Director
 PLANNING AND BUILDING

