


26. FATAL ACCIDENT ON EVANS PASS ROAD



The Committee considered a report from the Mayor and City Manager on a site visit undertaken on 7 July, together with Councillor Baker, to the site of the recent fatal car accident on Evans Pass Road.

The reported noted the specific suggestions made on behalf of the family in terms of improving road safety ie:

1. Concern at the absence of barriers on the corner.
2. A suggestion that with the number of large trucks using the road it should potentially be redesignated as a State Highway, which might lead to a greater priority for funding and improvement.
3. Concern at the lack of warning signs with regard to the bend itself and of the speed limit signs.
4. Concern as to the maintenance of the road as exemplified by the existence of a large pothole on the downhill side of the bend.
5. If oil spills on this road are indeed common because of its use as an access to the port, is there something which can be done to alleviate this?

The Committee **decided**:

1. That a subcommittee consisting of the Chairman and Councillors Manning and Baker be appointed to review the Evans Pass and Rural Hill Roads issues and report back to the August meeting of the City Services Committee.
2. That the Committee liaise with the families of recent crash victims and advise them of the process and future intentions in respect to these roads.
3. That the City Streets Manager document the process for ensuring immediate action when notification of oil spills are received on roads and that a report be provided to the Committee advising what contacts are made with the Police and contractors in these circumstances and what penalties exist for contractors who do not perform to the required standards in these circumstances.

It was also agreed that a brief article should be placed in the City Scene informing residents of who they should contact on urgent road safety matters such as oil spills.