

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held August 25, 2016 in the City of Leduc, Operations Building, Engineering Board Room.

Attendance Those in attendance:
Councillor, Terry Lazowski (conference call)
Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services
Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant
Cst. Christopher Mosley, RCMP
Cst. Matt Easler, RCMP
Shawn Olson, Director, Engineering
Kyle Van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development
Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services
Gerry Lang, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance
Mike Pieters, GM Infrastructure & Planning
Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation
Shirley Weslosky, Recording Secretary

With Regrets Councillor, Bob Young

Public [REDACTED] attended to observe the meeting
Commentary

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Olson called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add new business - #17 TAC to consider a four way stop or another solution at the intersection of South Fork Drive and Sheppard Circle.

CARRIED

Old Business

Background **1. Two hour parking downtown** the new parking spots on the far east part of the downtown area, parallel to the train tracks, are designated as 2 hour limits, to be consistent with all the other parking in the downtown core. (Shawn Olson)

Decision The Traffic Advisory Committee would like to see unrestricted parking in some areas downtown for staff. This will be taken to the Downtown Business Association (DBA) for discussion.
March 3, 2016 meeting - Kyle Van Steenoven will discuss with DBA Members.

June 2, 2016 meeting – DBA meeting will be held on Tuesday June 7, 2016. DBA would like to see more parking for their staff.

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August 25, 2016 meeting – TAC recommend that there be no restriction on parking in this area and be assigned designated public parking. There will be a two hour parking restriction downtown.

Once the parking lots are completed in the downtown area, there will be a communication package sent out to the public.

CARRIED

Action *Take off agenda*

Background **2. Yield Sign when turning north bound off Black Gold Drive onto 46 Street**

(Kyle Van Steenoven)

The Goldage apartment's driveway is too close to the corner on Black Gold Drive and 46 Street. Traffic turning left onto 46 Street off of Black Gold Drive wanting to turn into the Goldage apartments driveway are finding that drivers in the right lane are not yielding to them, even though the yield sign is there.

Decision The Traffic Advisory Committee would like the yield sign to stay in place for cars to yield to the traffic on the left. They would also like to see if there is a possibility of getting rid of the driveway at Goldage apartments and having the one driveway at Salem Manor for both locations. Having one driveway for Salem Manor and Goldage apartments would solve the merging of traffic issue off of Black Gold Drive.

March 3, 2016 meeting - Kyle Van Steenoven will discuss with Leduc Foundation the possibility of one driveway and putting in a road on their property to join Salem Manor and Goldage apartments.

June 2, 2016 meeting – There is a meeting June 7, 2016 with Salem Manor to discuss potential internal road construction adjacent to Oscar Klak Way (46 Street) to connect parking lots at Salem Manor and the Goldage apartments.

August 25, 2016 meeting – update

The draft cross access agreement is with Salem Manor. There will be a meeting held on August 29, 2016. A hidden driveway sign has been temporarily installed on 46 Street.

Action *Bring back to next meeting*

Background **3. Intersection (cross walk) at 50 Street and 47 Avenue** (Shawn Olson)

a) [REDACTED] sent an email requesting enforcement for both pedestrian and drivers at this crossing. He would also like to see signalized lights at this location.

b) [REDACTED] sent an email requesting enforcement at this intersection/crosswalk. She also requests moving the cross walk signal to the other side of the intersection so that pedestrians only cross once.

Decision It was discussed that ATE could watch this intersection for vehicles not stopping for pedestrians.

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March 3 meeting:

Gerard Macneil will look into ATE helping patrol this intersection.

Kyle Van Steenoven will look into a bus pull-in along 50 Street near 47 Avenue to help with traffic congestion.

Gerry Lang will mark the crosswalk across 47 Avenue.

June 2, 2016 meeting:

Gerry Lang will have the crosswalk completed by the end of June 2016.

Kyle Wilkin will look into the cost estimates for the bus pull-in along 50 Street near 47 Avenue.

August 25, 2016 meeting – the cost estimates for the bus pull-in along 50 Street near 47 Avenue is in the budget plan for 2017.

CARRIED

Action *Take off agenda*

Background **4. Automated Traffic Enforcement on Highway 2.** (Chris Mosley)

Fire Chief, George Clancy arrived March 3, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

RCMP presented data showing high level of excessive speeding on highway 2 within the city boundaries. This creates a large safety risk to the travelling public and emergency services.

Decision The Traffic Advisory Committee are in favor of ATE along this stretch of highway 2.

March 3, 2016 meeting - Gerard Macneil will seek Council approval for ATE on Highway 2.

June 2, 2016 meeting – Chris Mosley let the Traffic Advisory Committee know that Solicitor General and Public Security (Sol Gen) and Alberta Transportation are still discussing who is responsible for this section of the highway for enforcement.

August 25, 2016 meeting update – This project will be moving forward as enforcement are permitted to ticket speeding vehicles on HWY 2. Advertising and education will commence October 1, 2016, and full enforcement will take place on January 1, 2017. Photo enforcement signs have been ordered through Public Services.

CARRIED

Action *Take off agenda*

Background **5. Bylaw for 8-Way Flashing School Bus Lights and Safety (Rick) Attachment 10**

A letter was forwarded to TAC from St. Thomas Aquinas Roman (STAR) Catholic School Division and Black Gold Regional Division No.18 requesting the City of Leduc implement a bylaw stating:

That no person shall activate the alternating flashing lights or stop arm on a school bus while parked in a school zone for the purpose of loading or unloading students.

Decision **June 2, 2016** meeting - **Mike Pieters** has requested that more research go into this request as there was another letter from Black Gold Regional Division No.18 sent to Michael Stadnyk.

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August 25, 2016 meeting update - Both school boards are in favor of proceeding with: That no person shall activate the alternating flashing lights or stop arm on a school bus while parked in a school zone for the purpose of loading or unloading students. This will be brought forward to TAC at the December 1, 2016 meeting.

Action *Bring back to the next meeting*

Background **6. Free flow lane at off ramp on Hwy 2 and Hwy 39 (Shawn Olson)**

██████████ would like to see the solid line extended by approximately 10 – 20 feet at the free flow lane off of Hwy 2 onto Hwy 39. Drivers coming off the Hwy 2 ramp stop and wait for traffic to clear as they are scared of getting hit by vehicles going to Leduc Common.

Decision TAC are all in agreement to have delineators placed in this intersection. This will be more noticeable during winter months instead of extending the solid line.

June 2, 2016 meeting - **Kyle Wilkin** – Will follow up with ██████████ at Traffic Solution Consulting to confirm delineators can be placed within the Alberta Transportation right of way.

August 25, 2016 meeting – ██████████ at Traffic Solution Consulting has approved the delineators to be placed at the free flow lane off of Hwy 2 onto Hwy 39. Engineering is waiting for approval from Alberta Transportation to proceed with the delineators. If yellow is an option for delineators the TAC board would like to see yellow placed on this road not white.

Gerry Lang will have Public Services place the delineators after the approval comes in from Alberta Transportation.

CARRIED

Action *Bring back to the next meeting*

New Items

Background **7. Resident at ██████████ Alton Drive would like no parking signs east of her driveway.** When pickup trucks park 1.5 meters from her driveway visibility exiting her driveway is poor. (Michael Stadnyk)

Decision **August 25, 2016** meeting – TAC recommend that no signs will be placed at the end of the driveway as this is not the solution, all other residents would want “no parking” signs too.

CARRIED

Action *Take off agenda*

Background **8. ██████████ at ██████████ Dunlop Wynd is concerned about speed in the area.** She would like the speed lowered in this area. What path does she need to take to lower the speed in this area? (Kyle Van Steenoven)

Decision **August 25, 2016** meeting – The speed bylaw in Leduc is 50 km. A speed bylaw change would have to be done in order to change the speed in residential areas. Speed awareness signs have been posted in areas of Leduc and there has been no one speeding in the past seven months on residential roads.

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TAC recommend that Engineering look into other capital region municipalities speed limits and bring this back to TAC on December 1, 2016. The City of Leduc speed bylaw is consistent with other municipalities across the province.

Kyle Van Steenoven will look into the residential speed limits in other municipalities.

CARRIED

Action *Bring back to the next meeting*

Background **9. [REDACTED] has concerns regarding the amount of high speed traffic that is on the north end of Bridgeport Boulevard.** (Kyle Van Steenoven)

Decision **August 25, 2016** meeting – There are two speed control signs in this area the data will be pulled and brought forward at the December 1, 2016 meeting.

Gerry Lang will bring the speed control sign data to December 1, 2016 meeting.

CARRIED

Action *Bring back to the next meeting*

Background **10. Residents are concerned with children crossing the street at Spruce Boulevard and Sandlewood Place.** There is a multiway at this intersection with no crosswalk, and vehicles are speeding along this street. (Kyle Van Steenoven)

Decision **August 25, 2016** meeting – In August 2016 a crosswalk was put in across Spruce Boulevard with appropriate signage. The TAC members agree that this crosswalk and signage will help the safe crossing for pedestrians, and no other signage is needed at this time.

CARRIED

Action *Take off agenda*

Background **11. [REDACTED] would like to see more signage for the east elementary school zone.** There are flashers on 46 Street, but in other areas it may be lacking school signage. He directly wanted a 30 km sign on the street immediately north of the school. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **August 25, 2016** meeting – There are two flashing lights on 45 Avenue and lots of appropriate signage in this area around the school zone. The only place that requires a school sign is in the alley directly behind the school.

Gerry Lang will put up a school sign in the alley behind the school.

CARRIED

Action *Take off agenda*

Background **12. [REDACTED] is requesting solar power LED crosswalk lights be installed at the**

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main bus stop on Suntree Prom between Snowbird Crescent. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **August 25, 2016** meeting – TAC recommend that a crosswalk be placed across Suntree Prom and Snowhill Crescent.

Rick Sereda will put a down lit and multiway in the Public Services 2017 budget.

Kyle Van Steenoven will discuss with the school boards and find out exactly where the busses are dropping off students.

CARRIED

Action *Bring back to the next meeting*

Background **13. [REDACTED] is concerned with the signage along Blackgold Drive going west there is a 50km/h sign posted by 47 Street, but right after that intersection it is the school zone sign with a 30km/h sign and she finds this confusing. [REDACTED] would like the flashing lights to work all the time and be a reliable way to tell if the school zone is in effect or not. Also she would like the 50km/h sign removed or a warning sign put up advising there is a school zone coming up.** (Michael Stadnyk)

Decision **August 25, 2016** meeting – Residents are confused about the signage in this area. The TAC feel that the signage is fine as posted and the flashing lights are just a warning to ensure residents are doing the 30 km speed limit during school hours. TAC would like to see the school times posted on a vermac sign for education prior to school starting.

Gerry Lang will put up a vermac sign with a safety message and school zone times at the beginning of the school year.

CARRIED

Action *Take off agenda*

Background **14. Enforcement would like no parking signs put up on the south side of 48 Avenue. During tournaments parking is a problem and hard to enforce.** (Michael Stadnyk)

Decision **August 25, 2016** meeting – “No parking” signs were put up for the summer games.

TAC agreed that all no parking signs be removed and only keep the “no parking” signs up by the driveway access.

Gerry Lang will remove all “no parking” signs along 48 Avenue and place them at the driveway accesses only.

CARRIED

Action *Take off agenda*

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- Background **15. Resident [REDACTED] would like to see a left hand turn signal put in from Blackgold Drive south onto Rollyview Road east.** (Michael Stadnyk)
- Decision **August 25, 2016** meeting – TAC agree this area is not generating enough traffic to place a left turn signal in this area.

CARRIED

Action *Take off agenda*

- Background **16. Community Peace Officers have had some issues pertaining to heavy vehicles travelling the designated truck route.** They would like to explore signage and education. (Camron Chisholm)
- Decision **August 25, 2016** meeting – TAC recommend educating the truck drivers with brochures (Standard operating procedures) at the truck stops or when they stop drivers. Use discretion if they are close to the truck route but use consistency with all truck drivers. This will help to educate the drivers of the truck route.

Camron Chisholm arrived at 2:20 p.m.

Michael Stadnyk will look at a recommendation to find consistency with all truck drivers.

Gerry will improve signage where it is needed within the City of Leduc.

CARRIED

Action *Bring back to the next meeting*

- Background **17. [REDACTED] would like TAC to consider a four way stop or another solution at the intersection of South Fork Drive and Sheppard Circle.** My daughter resides in Sheppard Circle and many times they have encountered as well as myself the unsafety of stopping at the stop sign at the intersection and not being able to have a clear vision of oncoming vehicles approaching on South Fork Drive due to the residential cars parked along or too close to the end of the street.
- Decision **August 25, 2016** meeting – TAC recommend that more research be done and present it at the next TAC meeting.

CARRIED

Action *Bring back to the next meeting*

- Background **18. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Mohawk Crescent would like the City to place handicap no parking signs outside of his residence,** as he can't walk very far from his home. His vehicle has a handicap permit and he says vehicles park in front of his house so he often has to park down the street.
- Decision **August 25, 2016** meeting – TAC agreed that there will not be any "no parking" signs placed on the street at [REDACTED] Mohawk Crescent. This street is for public parking and cannot be designated for one person.

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CARRIED

Action *Take off agenda*

Background **19. Resident would like to see a sign having people be courteous to merging drivers on the lanes that merge onto Highway 2 north bound.** (Cameron Chisholm)

Decision This is Alberta Transportation Highways and cannot be addressed at TAC.

Action *Take off agenda*

Background **20.** Cameron Chisholm was inquiring about a letter that went out to trucking companies from Kevin Cole in 2012 letting them go to the car wash. He would like to know if there any other letter's out there.

Decision **Shawn Olson** will look into this matter.

Action *Bring back to the next meeting*

Information Item The Traffic Safety Act of Edmonton will be putting the City of Leduc on the high collision location app.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Next meeting – December 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. – OPS Building, 2nd Floor, Engineering Board Room.