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February 8, 2024

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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 8, 2024 in the City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom, as well as virtually via Teams.

Attendance

Those in Attendance in Person:

Mayor Bob Young
Shawn Olson, Director, Engineering
Alysha Laviolette, Recording Secretary
Blair Martin, Engineering Project Manager
Kyle Wilkin, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance
Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services
Councillor Laura Tillack
Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services
Kyle van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development

With Regrets

Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation
John Prokopiw, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services
Brian Oliver, Fire Prevention Officer
Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant
Mike Pieters, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning
Sgt. Chad Pushie, RCMP
Ed Barden, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services

**Public
Commentary**

No Public Commentary

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Olson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following emergent items were added to the agenda.

Under New Business Items:

12. Loitering at Intersections (Cameron Chisholm)

PREVIOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

Background

1. Speed Limit Change on Section of QEII Through Leduc (Bob Young)

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TAC would like to propose that the section of the QEII highway from just south of highway 2A to after the 65th Ave ramp be turned into an 80km/h zone.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, this section of the QEII has the highest number of accidents. TAC recommended to Council that a letter be written to the province to advocate for an 80km/h zone through Leduc.

November 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and the collision data brought forward. It is important that the letter comes from council, the first step would be to have a report written and presented to council with a draft letter they could send to the minister. A follow-up letter could be written by Administration if desired to add technical support if it's not covered in the council letter.

February 8, 2024 Meeting: The report was presented to council and council voted in favor of sending the letter to the province.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that no further action be taken.

Action Alysha to follow up with Crystal on the status of the letter.

Remove from agenda.

Background **2. Speeding Concerns on Meadowview Drive (Ed Barden)**

Residents have submitted concerns regarding speeding on Meadowview Drive. Enforcement services have been actively monitoring the area and ticketing speeders. The installation of Speed Awareness signs would help to alert drivers to how fast they are going and discourage them from speeding.

November 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will place a speed awareness sign.

February 8, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data and the average speed is 40km/h and the 85th percentile is 51km/h. The highest registered speed was 81km/h.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that enforcement services start doing an enforcement blitz in the area.

Action Kyle Wilkin to follow up with Ed Barden.

Enforcement to perform a blitz.

Remove from agenda.

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NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Background **3. Paper Released: Assessing The Effectiveness of Speed Limit Reduction in Edmonton: A Case Study Analysis (Shawn Olson)**

TAC would like to review the case study on the effectiveness of speed limit reduction in Edmonton.

February 8, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the case study, there is statistical evidence that shows 40km/h does reduce speeding in residential areas.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that no further action be taken

Action Remove from agenda

Background **4. Transportation Association of Canada – Raised Crossings (Shawn Olson)**

TAC would like to discuss the Transportation Association of Canada's webinar on traffic calming, specifically the focus on raised crossings in Edmonton.

February 8, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the webinar from Edmonton. Raised crosswalks indicate priority to pedestrians, increases accessibility and improves safety.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that raised crosswalks and bulb outs be installed with the Willow Park project and in future areas of reconstruction in proximity to schools, playgrounds and other high pedestrian crossing areas.

Action Blair Martin to include raised crosswalks and bulb outs in the Willow Park project.

Remove from agenda.

Background **5. Parking Concerns on Bridgeport Wynd (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding vehicles that park on Bridgeport Wynd blocking the entrance to the multiway. There are drop downs on both sides of Bridgeport Wynd from the sidewalk to the curb to accommodate pedestrian use but is made difficult when vehicles block the entrance. The resident has spoken to Bylaw enforcement, and they have informed the resident that the current bylaw does not restrict blocking access to the multiway with parked vehicles. The resident is requesting that TAC look into changing the current bylaw so that this practice can be stopped.

February 8, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will install no parking signs at the letdown.

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Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that no parking signs be installed.

Action Public services to install signs.

Cameron to research if City of Edmonton has bylaws regarding this item and whether it should be added into a future traffic bylaw update.

Blair Martin to respond to resident.

Remove from Agenda

Background **6. Request for Crosswalk Flashers on Windrose Drive (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a concern over the crosswalk at Wells Court and Windrose Drive. The resident has had a few near misses of people not seeing him when crossing the street and having to slam on their brakes at the last minute. He has noticed a lot of people turn off Grant MacEwan and race down Windrose Drive, and drivers aren't noticing when people are trying to use the crosswalk. He is hoping we can install flashers to the crosswalk.

February 8, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will install flashers at the crosswalk.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that flashers be installed.

Action Public services to install flashers.

Blair Martin to advise resident of recommendation

Remove from agenda.

Background **7. Addition of Sidewalk at Telford Mews (Shawn Olson)**

Leduc has put forward many aspirations of becoming a more people friendly city versus a car friendly city. In small ways it has been succeeding. But, here in an area with some of the highest (immediate) density of both housing and job centers it failed to meet those aspirations. It isn't seen in the number of parking spots, drive thru focus, or even poor building orientation. Those are large problems for the industry and standards as whole. The failure is rather in meeting the bare minimum- a few feet of sidewalk. Attached is an image of the most immediate path from the immediate neighborhood, hospital, and transit stop. It is a path that will be well used. Yet, there is no consideration placed in the design of these users. It feels like yet another place hostile to people walking and especially those rolling. Moreover, the only other path including

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within the development itself, one centered on seniors, is though high traffic, people hostile parking lot.

February 8, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, as the stretch of land between the sidewalk and the walkway along the building is private property, TAC would have to get permission from the landowner to extend the sidewalk. TAC would like to look at extending the sidewalk to meet at the front of the building.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that the sidewalk be extended to connect to the front side of the building with permission from the property owner.

Action Public services to seek permission from the landowner and if granted, extend sidewalk and connect to the business.

Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove from agenda.

Background **8. Speeding Concerns on 50th Street Between 52 Ave and 43 Ave (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding speeding on 50th street, specifically between 52 Ave and 43 Ave. The resident and several neighbors would like to see increased speed limit enforcement along this street for a sustained period of time. Daycares and Linsford Park students routinely use this corridor. We are concerned about the safety of these children. The resident personally thinks that 50St, because of its proximity to Linsford Park school and its high pedestrian usage, should be reduced to 40 km/hr. Recently an out of control vehicle drove over the curb and across the residents front lawn. Regardless of what the posted speed limit is along 50 St, increased enforcement would go a long way in addressing our safety concerns and may also solve the problem.

February 8, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data and the average speed is 37km/h and the 85th percentile is 47km/h. Public Services is installing additional speed signs to gather more data.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that the resident be advised that current data the City has does not show an elevated rate of speed in the area, however additional speed detection should be deployed to gather more speed data in other areas of 50th street.

Action Blair to follow up with the resident.

Remove from agenda.

Background **9. Speeding Concerns on 47th Ave in Linsford (Shawn Olson)**

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A resident submitted a concern regarding speeding on 47th Ave in Linsford. The resident said drivers are not following the correct speed limit, and they still speed down the resident's quiet residential street. There are kids that play, and the resident is worried someone will get hit. There has already been a dog hit on the street and the truck continued to speed and not stop.

February 8, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will be installing a speed awareness sign to collect data.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that a speed awareness sign be installed and the data brought back to the April 11th TAC meeting.

Action Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Carried

Background **10. Speeding Concerns on Suntree Promenade (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding speeding on Suntree Promenade. The speeding has become excessive and occurs between the hours of 430-6pm. This also includes the hours of 7:55am – 8:10am once parents return from dropping off their children. This includes vehicles going east and west, with the increased vehicles and people crossing the impatient people waiting at the lights to turn into Suntree causes issues. The resident would like to see a speed indicator warning device showing drivers their speed. It will be a matter of time before a vehicle spins out due to snow conditions and speeding which I have witnessed or until someone is hit.

February 8, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will install a speed awareness sign facing east to gather the speed data.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that a speed awareness sign be installed.

Action Public Services to install speed awareness sign.

Blair to follow up with the resident.

Carried

Background **11. Speeding Concerns on 46 Street (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding 46 street along the neighborhood of North Telford. Recently the resident's neighbor's house was hit by a car (medical reasons caused the accident), someone hit a tree outside the residents house a week or 2 ago, speeding is a constant problem (police already pull people over all the time usually 2-3 times a week), and other car accidents happen frequently. The resident's main concern

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is safety for their family and house as the resident's neighbor's house is evidence how easy it is for an accident to happen. The resident feels it is a matter of time before someone is killed along this road and wanted to bring it to your attention.

February 8, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, most incidents were not speeding related. The average speed in this area is 52km/h and the 85th percentile is 58km/h. CPO's are already actively enforcing this area.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that based on the speed data in the area as presented above the only potential next step is that the CPO's continue to enforce the area.

Action Blair martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove from agenda.

Background **12. Loitering at Intersections (Cameron Chisholm)**

A concern was brought forward regarding people loitering at intersection medians. This is a concern as it is a distraction to drivers, as well as a risk for the individual standing at the intersection should a car lose control.

February 8, 2024 Meeting: Some municipalities have bylaws that prevent loitering within 100m of an intersection. TAC discussed the possibility of adding physical barriers like additional potted plants on the few meridians where loitering happens to discourage it if the bylaw changes are not ratified.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council that** this item be presented to council as part of the Traffic Bylaw.

Action Cameron to present this item at council.

Remove from agenda.

No further items were brought forward for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

April 11, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom