

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held February 11, 2021 in the City of Leduc, GoToMeeting.

Attendance Those in attendance:
Mayor Bob Young
Councillor Laura Tillack
Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services
Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services
Shawn Olson, Director, Engineering
Kyle Van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development
Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation
Sgt. Shane Himmelman, RCMP
Kyle Wilkin, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance
Shirley Weslosky, Recording Secretary

With Regrets Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant
Mike Pieters, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning

Public
Commentary No Public Commentary

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Olson called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions to the agenda

- 13. Pedestrian Crossing on 46 Street south of Telford House
- 14. Black Gold Drive and Alton Drive - Hazard for the pedestrians trying to cross the merge lane.
- 15. There is concerns with the traffic accidents in the Leduc Business Park vs South Nisku.
- 16. PED crossing on Caledonia Drive.
- 17. Concerns with the intersection of Southfork Drive and Southfork Drive

Items Carried Forward From Previous Meeting

No Items carried forward

New Items

Background 1. Resident of Leduc has concerns regarding the winter residential parking in Leduc. I have lived in the Meadowview area for the past five years and have experienced numerous close calls because of the way we allow residents to park on both sides of the street all year round. In the winter time we rarely see our streets so low and I understand that however by allowing residents to park on both sides of the street with snow banks we are increasing the risk of accidents and possibly injuries. With the way people park it is increasingly dangerous. The City of Leduc actually allows residents to park on the corner of the street which takes away

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viewing of what is coming around the corner. On McLean Bend vehicles are parked along the corner creating a blind spot, then residents have to turn the corner wide making it unsafe.

I personally feel the city should change the bylaws for winter parking to one side of the street and no corner parking by anyone. Making these changes will help to avoid accidents and with the number of children playing on the streets it will help avoid any injury. (Cameron Chisholm)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – TAC were in agreement to educate the drivers in this area by painting a center line around the corner to help drivers stay on their side of the road.

Action

Kyle Wilkin will have Public Services paint the center line around the corner on McLean Bend.

Cameron Chisholm will call the resident back and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **2.** I have an inquiry from a citizen regarding the temporary cross walk on Black Gold Drive west of the golf course entrance. The cross walk is used a lot. Would it be possible to install a permanent crossing at this location? Apparently people cross at this location, marked or not and there is heavy traffic on Black Gold Drive. (Cameron Chisholm)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – There will be a crosswalk placed on the west side of the golf course entrance with para ramps and flashing pedestrian lights.

Action **Engineering** will have a cross walk placed west of the golf course entrance. They will ensure that a para-ramp be placed at the crosswalk with flashing pedestrian lights. The crosswalk will be put in place this summer.

Cameron Chisholm will call the resident back and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **3.** The crosswalk at Sheridan Way and Suntree Promenade, he said it is hard to see kids crossing when the sun goes down. He is wondering if it can be lit or have flashers added to it. (Michael Stadnyk)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – They are in agreement to add flashing pedestrian lights to this crosswalk.

Action **Kyle Wilkin** – will have Public Services place flashing pedestrian lights at this crossing.

Michael Stadnyk will call the residents and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **4.** Resident of Leduc heard that TAC may review requests for accessible parking spaces on the street, in front of a home. Resident would like parking in front of his aunt's house in Leduc.

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His 100-year-old aunt has mobility issues. She has two care givers

(family) that come and go from her property (groceries, turn down bed etc.) and so he would like them to have easy access. He said the care givers have placards. He said that the neighbour yelled at them the other day, because they were taking up space. Planning Department has assisted him with on-site parking, but he would also like to explore options for street parking. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – They were in agreement to place Handicapped parking signs in front of this home. Signs will be taken down when the resident moves or is no longer in need of the sign.

Action **Kyle Wilkin** will have Public Services put up Handicapped parking signs on this street in front of the home.

Kyle Van Steenoven will call the resident and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **5.** Brought to TAC by Carolina Gonzalez, Enforcement Services.
1) Keystone Way and West Haven Drive. I know we've had multiple complaints in that area regarding vehicles parking too close to the alley. Is there a way that we can place a no parking sign in that location?

2) There is a mailbox on Schubert Street facing the street. People are parking in front of it and with the snow now people can't access the mailbox when a vehicle is parked in front of it. Residents are asking if a no parking could be placed there. This came from a lady who is in a wheelchair and can't access the mailbox because of vehicles parking in front of it. The mail box is placed directly on front of the Knie Park. (Cameron Chisholm)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** –
1) Paint the curbs on both sides of the alley way, so no one will park close to the alley.

Kyle Wilkin will have Public Services paint the curbs on both sides of the alley.

2) Tac were all in agreement not to put up loading zone sign in front of the mail box. Other areas of Leduc will want signs if we place them in this area. TAC would like to see if Canada Post will put a flyer in the mail box to have residents not park in front of the mail box. TAC is hoping this will reduce the parking in front of the mail box to allow resident's with mobility issues to park and get their mail.

Action **Cameron Chisholm** will look at placing notices in the mail boxes for residents to not park in front of the mail box, only when picking up their mail. He will call the resident and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

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Background **6.** Speed Bylaw going to Council (Shawn Olson)

Decision Engineering will be holding a speed limit consultation for residents of Southfork on March 4 or March 11, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This will be an engagement with residents to change the speed limit to 40 km in Southfork as a pilot project. Vermac signs for the speed limit consultation will be posted prior to the event.

Action CARRIED

Take off Agenda

Background **7.** Resident has concerns about the location of school zone speed limit signs on Coady Boulevard. Coming from Rollyview Road and heading south toward Caledonia Park School, the first sign is just after the intersection before the school, and it drops the speed to 30 km, well before the school crosswalk. The second school zone sign which raises the speed back to 50 km, is right after the school parking lot, and just before the crosswalk at the edge of the park, where all the kids flock across going to and from school. Obviously, kids need to use caution when they cross. There are a lot of really young learners using that crosswalk, and by moving the sign on the opposite side it could give them more of a chance to keep learning. (Kyle Wilkin)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – TAC were in agreement to move the 50 km sign on Coady Boulevard south of the school parking lot to the other side of the crosswalk.

Kyle Wilkin will have Public Services move the 50 km sign on Coady Boulevard south of the school parking lot to the other side of the crosswalk.

Action **Kyle Wilkin** will call the resident back and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **8.** Leduc Jr. High School on 48 Street concern with Pedestrian Collision (Cameron Chisholm)

01/2021 **Motion:** It was **Moved** by Councillor Laura Tillack that the Traffic Advisory Committee move In-Camera at 1:58 p.m. to discuss the Leduc Jr. High School on 48 Street concern with pedestrian collision (*FOIP s. 17*)

Caller number 1 during the GoToMeeting was Sgt. Shane Himmelman.

02/2021 **Motion:** It was **Moved** by Councillor Laura Tillack that the Traffic Advisory Committee move In-Public at 2:04 p.m.

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – Reviewed the incident and there was no geometry issues or excessive speed. There will be further conversation with the school.

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Action **Cameron Chisholm** will call the resident and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **9.** Concerns regarding pedestrian movements at the Black Gold Drive and King Street Intersection. Currently it appears that we have crosswalk signage on the east side of the intersection and painted lines on the west. As its uncontrolled across Black Gold Drive, the request is to pick one side of the street for the pedestrian movement and add flashers to that side to encourage kids to only cross on one side. Shawn Olson has brought this to TAC to look at installing flashers on the west side of the intersection as there would be a significant amount of traffic leaving West Haven School and either turning east onto black gold drive or coming from Grant MacEwan to West Haven School turning westbound to southbound. Moving the pedestrian crossing to the west of where King Street and West Haven Drive meet Black Gold Drive would minimize that movement conflict. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – TAC were in agreement to place flashing pedestrian lights on the west side at the crosswalk and no crossing signs on the east side of the street.

Action **Kyle Wilkin** will have Public Services place flashing pedestrian lights at this crosswalk, and no crossing signs on the east side of the street.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **10.** The crosswalk on Meadowview Drive going to Christ the King School is somewhat hidden behind parked vehicles and I know it often feels like people kind of jump out at the crosswalk when you're driving, and on my daily lunchtime walk to get the mail the past few weeks I've noticed it a lot more as a pedestrian – cars don't see you until the last moment. I hadn't thought about mentioning it to TAC, until it came up in the Meadowview Facebook Group and made me consider mentioning it. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – TAC were in agreement to have flashing pedestrian lights at this crosswalk.

Action **Kyle Wilkin** will have Public Services place flashing pedestrian lights at this crosswalk.

Shawn Olson will call the residents back and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **11.** Resident is asking to move the speed limit sign on Rollyview Road east of Christ the King School. I am asking to move the speed limit increase 70 km sign another 1/4 to 1/2 mile east of my yard. I rent my yard to nearly 30 school buses. The issue is that when the motorists see the

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70 km sign it's hammer down passed the entrance of my home. I am concerned that there is going to be a bad accident one day. Also the young fellas with the very loud exhaust pipes rattles the windows in our house. Also if they can extend the street lights east passed the yard entrance. I have asked many times the peace officers to park in my second driveway with their radar for the last couple years. But they never have. Or if the city wants to set a photo radar camera here would be a good money grab for the city as we are in the city limits. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – In order to move the sign, it would have to be a formal speed bylaw change. Looking at the speed data sign results, the average speed on the speed data sign is 50km/hr. There have not been any collisions reported in this area. TAC were in agreement to not change any of the signage on Rollyview Road.

Action **Kyle Van Steenoven** will call the resident back and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **12.** I have a concern about a pedestrian crosswalk along Sheppard Boulevard. It's the crosswalk right before the school along the path. There have been more than one occurrences of school kids crossing and cars not stopping or kids on bikes crossing not looking. I am not sure cars know that that crosswalk is there, especially in the winter. The lines on the road are covered with snow and drivers do not know it's a crosswalk, thinking they have the right of way. I know there is a walking man sign to show the crosswalk, but I am not sure it's enough. Today was the last straw at this spot as my 4-year-old got there first, and cars were coming he stopped and waited until I got there but as soon as I got there he went to cross. I had to yell at him to wait as I saw a vehicle not stopping and she had the nerve to honk her horn at us, and without blinking an eye just kept on going. I am beyond upset and wonder if it is possible to have pedestrian lights at this crosswalk? (Shawn Olson)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – TAC were in agreement to place flashing pedestrian lights at this crosswalk.

Action **Kyle Wilkin** - will have Public Services place flashing pedestrian lights at this crosswalk.

Shawn Olson will call the resident back and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **13.** I have had concerns raised regarding a lack of pedestrian crosswalk south of Telford House to access the multi-way on the west side just east of the tracks. There is a crosswalk well south but direct access to the multi-way is not convenient for users, many of whom are seniors with mobility issues. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – TAC concluded that the safest way to cross to downtown is at the 50 Avenue intersection where there are additional pedestrian refuse islands and TAC did not want to direct people away from that crossing. TAC talked about snow clearing of the sidewalks on the east side of 46 Street to ensure accessibility and will be monitoring this

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location. It is on the public services priority route for sweeping and clearing and is maintained at the same frequency as our multiway. (Shawn Olson)

Action **Shawn Olson** will call the resident back and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **14.** The residents of Heritage Villas we would like to pass on several comments regarding the upgraded Black Gold Drive and improved traffic lights and turning lane from Alton Drive on to Black Gold Drive. This has mitigated the stop and go traffic noise somewhat, but the modified mufflers still exist. The merge lane onto Black Gold has improved the traffic flow but has also created a hazard for the pedestrians trying to cross the merge lane from Alton Drive east sidewalk to the intersection crosswalk. Having witnessed a near vehicle pedestrian accident by vehicles not paying attention to the crosswalk while merging on to Black Gold Dr. east. Perhaps an activated crossing light at this intersection would be beneficial as other crosswalks along Black Gold Dr. have. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council -**
In regards to the concern of loud mufflers from motorists, TAC notes that Enforcement Services is undertaking targeted enforcement in the area to try and rectify this issue and educate the public.

TAC looked at improving pedestrian visibility potentially through the installation of flashing lights from the sidewalk to the concrete Island, across the merge lane at the southeast corner of the Black Gold Drive and Alton Drive intersection. Upon review, TAC noted that it does not typically recommend the installation of flashers for a partial roadway crossing, and recommend that the bush be removed along the street to resolve the visibility conflict.

Engineering noted that they will remove the orange marker this summer and will slide over the smaller pedestrian marker to reduce any obstruction on this corner.

Action **Shawn Olson** will provide a letter to the resident with the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **15.** There is concerns with the traffic accidents in the Leduc Business Park vs South Nisku. This was brought to TAC to discuss the speed zones in these areas. (Shane Himmelman)

Decision **TAC recommend** to take this to Council and have them review the speed in the Leduc Business Park.

Action **Kyle Van Steenoven and Shawn Olson** will get traffic volumes for this area and take this to Council.

CARRIED

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Sgt. Shane Himmelman, RCMP left the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

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Background **16.** I have a concern with the increased traffic volumes on Caledonia Drive pursuant to the opening of Pioneer Road. This is a busy road, coupled with resident's north of the pedestrian crossing, parking vehicles in close proximity to the crossing. I feel this would be a good candidate to upgrade the pedestrian crossing to solar powered rapid rectangular flash beacons. (Kyle Wilkin)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – TAC were in agreement to place flashing pedestrian lights at this crossing.

Action **Kyle Wilkin** - will have Public Services place flashing pedestrian lights at this crossing.

Kyle Wilkin will call the resident back and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **17.** There was a collision at the intersection of Southfork Drive and Southfork Drive, when a lady came out of the Husky gas station (heading South) and struck an Eastbound vehicle. The female stated the Southfork sign was blocking her view. (Cameron Chisholm)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – After consideration TAC were in agreement to remove some of the trees on the boulevard where the Southfork sign is located, this will help visibility for drivers to see oncoming traffic.

Action **Kyle Wilkin** will look into removing some of the trees on the boulevard where the Southfork sign is.

Cameron Chisholm will call the resident back and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Information item

Any Other Items

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm

Next Meeting

April 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. – OPS Building, Second Floor, Engineering Board Room,
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.