

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 9, 2022 in the City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom, as well as virtually via Zoom.

Attendance

Those in Attendance in Person:

Mayor Bob Young

Councillor Laura Tillack

Shawn Olson, Director, Engineering

Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services

Mike Pieters, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning

Kyle van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development

Kyle Wilkin, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance

John Prokopiw, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services

Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services

Blair Martin, Engineering Project Manager

Sgt. Thomas Dimopoulos, RCMP

Keri Nelson, Recording Secretary

With Regrets

Gerry Kelly, Deputy Fire Chief

Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation

Brian Oliver, Fire Prevention Officer

Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant

Public Commentary

No Public Commentary

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Olson called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following emergent items were added to the agenda.

Under New Business Items:

15. Willow Park Estates/57th Ave – Request to change yield sign to stop sign (Shawn Olson)

16. Grant MacEwan and Black Gold – Resident inquiring about unsafe intersection (Shawn Olson)

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PREVIOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

Background

1. Traffic Speed on 45 Avenue and 52 Street (Shawn Olson)

A resident has brought forward concerns regarding regular speeds in excess of 50 km/hour North and South bound on 52 Street north of 45 Avenue. This request was previously brought forward to TAC in 2016 and Enforcement Services found no speeding concerns in this area. However, in the years that have followed the resident believes that the speeds have increased and at that time it may have just been temporarily slow due to weather conditions. It was suggested to consider installing a speed awareness sign to verify whether conditions have changed in the last 5 years, especially given the new housing development in Linsford.

December 2, 2021 Meeting: A speed awareness sign will be installed North of 45 Avenue catching Southbound traffic, which will be in convert mode. Kyle Wilkin will bring the speed awareness sign data back to the next meeting.

February 24, 2022 Meeting: Public Services has been extremely busy with snow removal, so the speed awareness sign has not yet been deployed. The speed awareness sign will be installed as soon as crews are available.

April 14, 2022 Meeting: Public Services experienced issues with downloading the speed awareness sign data from this location. Kyle Wilkin will circulate the speed data information to TAC members once available. TAC can then assess the data and make a recommendation, which may be able to be addressed prior to the next TAC meeting.

June 9, 2022 Meeting: The speed awareness sign was installed at this location. The speed awareness data was reviewed. The data indicated that the 85th percentile is 47 km per hour. These figures are within compliance

Decision

TAC recommend to Council: This item will be removed from the agenda, as the data indicates that speeds are within compliance

Action

Shawn Olson will follow up with the resident

CARRIED. *Remove from agenda*

Background

2. Blackstone Blvd. – Speeding in Playground Zone (Rick Sereda)

A resident has brought forward a dangerous situation in Blackstone, where vehicles are speeding in excess of 50 km/hour through the playground zone. An incident recently occurred where two young girls were walking a dog that was run over and

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killed at this location. There are often children playing in this park, so it is only a matter of time until a child is run over as the problem appears to be getting worse. The resident suggested a speed awareness sign that is effective in reducing speeding. Public Services installed a speed awareness sign at this location the week of March 28, 2022 to gather speed and volume data for TAC's analysis. Rick Sereda further suggested that this would be an ideal location to install flashing pedestrian crosswalk lights.

April 14, 2022 Meeting: A speed awareness sign was installed on March 28, 2022 at this location. The data indicates that within playground zone hours, the 85th percentile speed is 40 km/hour, with average speeds within 30 - 33 km/hour. Outside of playground zone hours, the average traffic speed is 35 - 39 km/hour. TAC agreed that flashing pedestrian crosswalk lights would be appropriate for this location.

June 9, 2022 Meeting: The speed awareness sign data was reviewed. The data indicated that the 85th percentile is 40 km per hour. When looking at playground hours the 85th percentile drops down to 38 km per hour. These figures are within compliance.

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – This item will be removed from the agenda, as the data indicates that speeds are within compliance No further upgrades required at in this area.

Action **Rick Sereda** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision

CARRIED: *Remove from the agenda*

Background **3. Speeding on Corinthia Drive (Cameron Chisholm)**

A resident has brought forward concerns to the Mayor's office regarding speeding on Corinthia Drive, particularly between 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The resident has spoken to enforcement services and would like more done to stop the speeders. The resident indicated that Bylaw has already been out and speeding has not stopped or been deterred as a result.

April 14, 2022 Meeting: A speed awareness sign will be installed the week of April 18, 2022 and the data will be brought back to the next TAC meeting for assessment.

June 9, 2022 Meeting: The speed awareness sign was installed at this location. The speed awareness data was reviewed. The data indicated that the 85th percentile is 49 km per hour, these figures are within compliance

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – This item will be removed from the agenda, as the data indicates that speeds are within compliance

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Action **Cameron Chisholm** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision

CARRIED. *Remove from agenda*

Background **4. Schubert Street & Knie Park – Speeding Concerns (Shawn Olson)**

A resident is requesting speed bumps to be installed on Schubert Street, across from Knie Park and for the speed limit to be reduced to 15 km/hour. The resident has witnessed multiple close call incidents involving children at this location, who were nearly hit by passing and/or speeding vehicles. It is suggested to install a speed awareness sign at this location to capture both the North and South bound traffic on this road.

April 14, 2022 Meeting: This is a playground zone that is legislated to be 30 km/hour, so the speed cannot be reduced to 15 km/hour as per the Traffic Bylaw. A speed awareness sign will be installed at this location to record traffic speed data.

June 9, 2022 Meeting: The speed awareness sign was installed at this location. The speed awareness data was reviewed. The data indicated that the 85th percentile is 33 km per hour. These figures are within compliance

Decision: **TAC recommend to Council** – This item will be removed from the agenda, as the data indicates that speeds are within compliance

Action: **Shawn Olson** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision

CARRIED. *Remove from agenda*

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Background **5. Meadowview Drive & Moberg Road – Playground Zone Request (Kyle van Steenoven)**

A resident that lives on Moberg Road has brought forward a concern the green belt that runs along Meadowview Drive, by Moberg Road. This is a fairly long straight stretch and many people speed through this area. There has also been some road racing as well. With the amount of people using this area with kids and pets, the resident is concerned that someone will get hit and would like to suggest making this a playground zone. The resident has contacted Leduc Enforcement Services and spoke with a Peace Officer regarding their concerns and they recommended increased patrolling in this area, but suggested that the resident contact the City regarding a possible zone change.

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June 9, 2022 Meeting: Kyle Wilkin assessed this area. The finding reported to TAC is that the area doesn't meet the provincial criteria guideline for rezoning

Decision: **TAC recommend to Council** – Based on the assessment of not meeting the provincial criteria there will be no change in zoning. This item will be removed from the agenda

Action: **Kyle van Steenoven** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision

CARRIED *Remove from agenda*

Background: **6. Southfork Drive & Stout Link – Pedestrian Crosswalk Lights (Shawn Olson)**

A resident in Southfork is requesting flashing pedestrian crosswalk lights at the intersection of Southfork Drive and Stout Link. The resident has encountered many near misses over the years with cars while crossing, as many cars are speeding when leaving the school zone or playground zone.

June 9, 2022 Meeting: This intersection fits the criteria appropriate for the developer to be installing Pedestrian Crosswalk. This intersection is a major collector and should have a Pedestrian Crosswalk installed.

Decision: **TAC recommend to Council** – Based on the criteria meeting the requirements Public Services will install a Pedestrian Crosswalk at this intersection

Action: **Shawn Olson** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision

CARRIED - *Remove from agenda*

Background: **7. 5710 – 47 Street – No Parking Signs adjacent to Driveway Access (Shawn Olson)**

Leduc Farm Animal Hospital submitted a letter to TAC requesting no parking signs adjacent to their driveway apron access, located at 5710 - 47 Street. Vehicles are frequently parking within 1.5 metres of the driveway approach, which causes sightline and turning radius issues for large trailers carrying livestock that are entering and exiting this business. There have been several close calls where trailers have almost hit parked cars. As such, the business is requesting that no parking signs be installed on either side of the driveway approach, ideally allowing for 3 metres of space on either side as an extra margin of safety.

June 9, 2022 Meeting: TAC discussed multiple options for this area. The apron here should be slightly bigger. TAC suggested putting up no parking signs at each of the 2 access. Public Services will paint the area to start and will reassess.

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Decision: **TAC recommend to Council** - Public Services will paint 1.5 meter setback from the approaches on both sides of the Animal Hospital

Action: **Shawn Olson** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision

CARRIED – *Remove from agenda*

Background **8. Alton Drive between William Bell Drive and 50 Avenue – Speed Awareness Sign (Blair Martin)**

Three residents have approached the Engineering department to request that permanent speed tables are installed on Alton Drive, north of William Bell Drive/Alexander Drive and 50 Avenue. Blair Martin responded as the Engineering Project Manager for this project, and advised that the intent of the speed tables placed between Blackgold Drive and William Bell is to deter people from using Alton Drive as a shortcut, as opposed to going West to Grant MacEwan. This should aid in a reduction in traffic along Alton Drive. In regards to speed concerns, it was recommended that electronic speed awareness signs are installed on this portion of Alton Drive to determine whether there is a speeding problem.

June 9, 2022 Meeting: TAC discussed this area of concern, noted there is volume issue in this area. Speed tables are not installed as a speed reducer they are meant for traffic calming. This area is bound by a 4 way stop so vehicles can not get up to high speeds in this area. TAC has performed speed checks in the past and those finding has stated there is not a speeding issue in this area.

Decision: **TAC recommend to Council** - Based on previous speed check data performed in the area there will be no speed tables installed as the request does not meet the criteria

Action: **Blair Martin** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision

CARRIED *Remove from agenda*

Background: **9. Pioneer Road & Meadowview Way – 50 km/hour Speed Limit Sign Request (Rick Sereda)**

A resident has requested a 50 km/hour sign transitioning from Pioneer Road (60 km/hour) to Meadowview Way. Although this is not technically required,

June 9 Meeting : Public Servies has installed the 50 km per hour regulatory sign as requested. TAC recommended that the sign should come down once the area is fully operational.

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Decision: **TAC recommend to Council** - Public Services has installed the sign and will remove the sign once the area is fully operational.

Action: **Rick Sereda** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision

CARRIED *Remove from agenda*

Background **Caledonia Drive & Rainbow Park – Loud & Speeding Vehicles (Rick Sereda)**

A resident is concerned about loud and speeding vehicles on Caledonia Drive near the Rainbow Park playground.

June 9, 2022 Meeting: Speed awareness sign was deployed in this area from 2018- August 2020 the data did not warrant any changes as speeding was not an issue.

Decision: **TAC recommend to Council** – Based on previous speed checks there is not a speeding issue in this area. Police Services are involved with routine checks on motor vehicles regarding their compliance on aftermarket parts which is creating louder than normal exhaust etc. With these routine checks that will help notify drivers of their infractions and will keep the noise down on motor vehicles.

Action: **Rick Sereda** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision

CARRIED *Remove from agenda*

Background **Coady Blvd between Rollyview Road and Caledonia Park School (Rick Sereda)**

A resident is concerned about speeding vehicles on Coady Blvd., between Rollyview Road and Caledonia Park School, primarily Southbound. Public Services has deployed a speed awareness sign at an appropriate location Southbound on Coady Blvd. prior to the June 9 TAC meeting, so the data can be assessed.

June 9, 2022 Meeting: Speed awareness sign was installed on Coady Blvd. The speed awareness data was reviewed. The data indicated that the 85th percentile is 56 km per hour. These speeds are in excess and warrant additional police enforcement for this area. Kyle W will send the data to Cameron

Decision: **TAC recommend to Council** - Based on the excessive speed it was recommended to increase the police enforcement for the area

Action: **Rick Sereda** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision

CARRIED *Remove from agenda*

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Background

10. South Fork Pilot Review (Shawn Olson)

Brought forward for TAC discussion

June 9, 2022 Meeting - Background: Speed bylaw is going to council May 10, 2021 Traffic Advisory Committee was asked to review the draft report and provide comments by the end of day April 15, 2021. This amendment will reduce the speeds of all roads within the Southfork neighborhood from 50km/hr down to 40km/hr as part of the speed reduction pilot program. This amendment also increases the speed of all roads North of 65th Avenue, (including 65th Avenue) to 60 km/hr that are currently at 50 km/hr. Recommendation: That council give Bylaw No. 1067-2020 first reading.

June 9, 2022 Meeting : Currently 1 year into the Pilot Project. The average speed has been brought down significantly; 1st year of the pilot has been a great success. Up and coming questions to consider will be, do we want this pilot to be expanded City Wide. There will need to be a cost analysis done in regards to updated signage. Kyle W stated it would be cheaper to do the whole city instead of individual areas at different times. Additionally, there would need to be a formal bylaw amendment. The pilot was presented to only observe speeds. Year 2 of the pilot will include collision data.

Decision:

TAC recommend to Council – Continue to observe the data and report back to council with the findings closer to the end of the 2 year pilot being complete

Action:

CARRIED: *Remove from agenda*

Background:

11. TAC Council Report (Shawn Olson)

Brought forward for TAC discussion

June 9 Meeting – PowerPoint was presented to TAC. Minor updates were requested before the Presentation is presented at the June 20th Council meeting

Decision:

TAC recommend to Council - Update 3 pictures and some text on the Southfork pilot slide

Action:

CARRIED: *Remove from agenda*

Background:

12. Four Way Stop at the LRC (Shawn Olson)

A resident is concerned about the signage on the East side of the LRC. Would like it changed back to a 2 way stop currently is it a 4 way stop.

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June 9 Meeting: Since access has been closed via Telford the vehicle volume is higher at the LRC. This was monitored during the rodeo with the additional user groups using Lede Park Road the traffic was backing up onto Black Gold Dr. The increase in signage is not necessary anymore.

TAC also discussed that many user groups are using the road to travel via foot or bike out to the dog park or to the Telford Trails however there are no sidewalks on Lede Park Road. If this is a safety issue, then the City should put a set of flashers crossing the area. If this was a requirement, then the city would need some sort of down let with lights and a safe crossing into the parking lot of the LRC. TAC discussed potentially adding signage, so users are aware to continue along Black Gold Dr to the LRC for the safest route to the dog park. In addition, this will be added as a discussion point for the Transportations Masterplan in 2023 there will be public consultation in regards to the request to build a multiway along Lede Park Road. The request would be pedestrian conductivity to the Dog Park that is not having to utilize the area in front of the LRC. There is merit within this request to look into a multiway along with prioritizing where it is best suited.

Decision: **TAC recommend to Council** – Remove north/south stop signs, add signage, add multiway to TMP for next year.

Action: **Shawn Olson** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision

CARRIED: *Remove from agenda*

Background **13. 44th Street – Lede Park Road (Rick Sereda)**

Discussion around local City of Leduc groups who are requesting opening of the gates so there is direct access to Lede Park Road via 44 Street for their event.

June 9 Meeting: TAC discussed the threshold in regards to the number of cars coming into the area. There needs to be a number of vehicles that makes the most sense to approve these smaller event permits. TAC does not want this gate open frequently. This will confuse residents and drivers. Public services will install a speed sign to track the number of vehicles coming and going to the already approved events and see if the event is bringing in the number of vehicles that the organizers are stating. Approving the permits are all based on number of vehicles coming and going. Leduc Rodeo, Canada day and Jamboree have all been signed off on. If the criteria brought back shows the vehicle volume is not substantial, then TAC advises the gates to stay closed indefinitely and will not open them for any user groups

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Decision: **TAC recommend to Council** – Public Services to install the speed sign and will track cars for the Canada Day celebration. The data will be used as a benchmark to decide if there should be approvals for smaller user groups in the future

Action: **Rick Sereda** will follow up internally with Events & Booking

CARRIED: *Remove from agenda*

Background **14. Simmonds Way & Southfork Dr (Shawn Olson)**

A resident who lives along Simmonds Way feels the intersection of Simmonds Way and Southfork Dr is unsafe. The area is hard to see pedestrians trying to cross as the street parking blocks off ¼ of the road on both sides. There is a crosswalk there however it does not have flashing lights. Request from resident is to have Rapid Flashing lights installed at this crosswalk

June 9 Meeting: This intersection fits the criteria where the developer should be installing the Pedestrian Crosswalk.

Decision: **TAC recommend to Council** - Based on the criteria meeting the requirements Public Services will install a Pedestrian Crosswalk at this intersection

Action: **Shawn Olson** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision

CARRIED: *Remove from agenda*

Background **15. Willow Park Estates entering 57th Ave (Shawn Olson)**

A resident who lives in the Willow Park Estates area is concerned about the safety of pedestrians at the T-intersection at Willow Park Estates entering 57 Ave. The road is curved, sunrise and sunset can cause visible issues. Request from resident is to have these yield signs changed to stop signs

June 9 Meeting: TAC discussed and noted that yield signs are acceptable in this type of configuration. Will investigate any collision information in the area

Decision: **TAC recommend to Council** – The yield signs are acceptable in the type of configuration. After examining the collision information in the area there is no data to support a need to change the yield signs to stop signs.

Agenda: **Shawn Olson** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision

CARRIED: *Remove from agenda*

Background **16. Grant MacEwan and Black Gold Dr:**

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A resident is concerned with this intersection. The resident feels that the visibility in this area is restricted due to the hidden fence.

June 9 Meeting: TAC discussed this area and recommended to drive by the area to view the site line and do an assessment

Decision: **TAC recommend to Council** – This lane in question is a right turn lane, the stop line was assessed. Motorists can inch up and their view is substantially better at the line vs further back from the line. Advising motorists to inch up and have a look before proceeding. When the motorist is stopped at the approved located the line of site is very visible

Action: No follow up required as this came through Facebook

CARRIED: *Remove from TAC with the intention that Kyle V and Kyle W will let TAC know if this requires being brought to an up-and-coming TAC meeting*

INFORMATION ITEMS

No further items were brought forward for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

September 8, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.
City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom