

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 15, 2023

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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 15, 2023 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

Kyle van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development

Alysha Laviolette, Recording Secretary

Blair Martin, Engineering Project Manager

Mike Pieters, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning

Kyle Wilkin, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance

Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services

Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services

Ed Barden, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services

With Regrets

Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation

Councillor Laura Tillack

Sgt. Thomas Dimopoulos, RCMP

John Prokopiw, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services

Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant

Brian Oliver, Fire Prevention Officer

Gerry Kelly, Deputy Fire Chief

Public

Commentary

No Public Commentary

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Olson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following emergent items were added to the agenda.

Under New Business Items:

9. Installation of Dedicated left turn lane leaving 42nd Ave (Cameron Chisholm)

10. Speeding on Grant MacEwan Blvd Between 50th Ave and Bridgeport Gate (Ed Barden)

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PREVIOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

Background

1. West Haven Parking Complaint (Shawn Olson)

Resident on west haven drive has written a complaint letter to the City of Leduc regarding the numerous incidents of vehicles parking illegally and blocking their driveway during school pick up times. The resident has made complaints to by-law on multiple occasions and has spoken to the principle at West Haven Public School regarding these incidents. The resident is requesting that action be taken against vehicles that block their driveway, the parking on the west edge of their driveway must stop.

March 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, enforcement services has been issuing tickets and have been actively monitoring the area. Discussed putting up vermac signs temporarily to bring awareness to the no parking as an education campaign and high enforcement area.

May 15, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern. The RCMP have been patrolling the area and issuing tickets and warnings.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that vermac signs be put out to bring awareness to the no parking.

Action

Public services to put out vermac signs.

Cameron Chisholm to follow up with resident.

Remove From Agenda.

Background

2. Petition to reopen 44th Street (Shawn Olson)

Resident has started a petition to remove the barrier that allows access from 44th Street to Telford Lake. Resident has concerns as it doesn't allow for everyone to fully enjoy the amenities provided by the lake and creates undue hardship to citizens trying to enjoy local natural spaces. The resident also fears it presents an impediment to timely emergency services response to calls for assistance. They would like to see the barrier removed as they do not feel it is logical for it to remain in place.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: Shawn to bring a council report forward on October 24, 2022 to request a decision on surveying impacted residents

November 10, 2022 Meeting: Council approved the survey that will be going out to the impacted residents. The survey will go out in the early new year and an update will go back to council in early spring. The website has been updated with this information.

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January 12, 2023 Meeting: Communications is planning to send direct mail to residents who reside on the street with a QR code and password to get access to the survey. This will ensure the survey only gets completed by residents who reside on 44th street to gauge their perceived safety after the closure. Surveys are estimated to be mailed out in March with the survey opening late March early April. Communications will also keep track of how many people complete the survey.

March 9, 2023 Meeting: Communications is sending out survey.

May 15, 2023 Meeting: TAC Reviewed the results from the survey. 85% of people agreed they would like the gate to remain closed. When the survey results go to council, TAC will also recommend that road improvements be made to Garden Plot Road (48th Ave).

Decision **TAC recommends to council that** the results be presented to council and the recommendation be made to keep the gate closed and road improvements be made to Garden Plot Road (48th Ave).

Action Shawn Olson to present the survey results to council.

Remove From Agenda.

NEW BUISNESS ITEMS

Background

3. Request for Bicycle Dismount Bars Near Caledonia Park School (Shawn Olson)

Resident would like to request bicycle dismount bars on the paths around Caledonia Park school. In the last 5 years Caledonia Park school has seen over 100% capacity in enrollment, causing trails to street access around the schools to be very congested during drop off and pick up times. 7:55-8am and 2:50-3pm. This has also caused concern for Safety along those trails between bikes and pedestrians walking. I have personally witnessed many near misses and personally have been struck by a teenager riding their bike at full speed down a busy trail.

May 15, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the areas of concern and does not deem it appropriate for bicycle dismount bars as the TAC wants to encourage kids to bike to school and this is a shared path.

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

Action Blair Martin to follow up with resident.

Remove From Agenda.

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Background

4. Parking Concerns on 84th Avenue and 42nd Street (Shawn Olson)

Resident has submitted a concern regarding parking concerns on 84th Avenue at the corner of 42nd Street in the industrial area. The adjacent businesses have several vehicles that park along both sides of the roadway, where it curves near the intersection. These vehicles restrict the roadway in an area where heavy vehicles frequent. Resident stated he has almost had to take the ditch in previous years due to the restriction and feel this is a significant safety issue which is constantly occurring.

May 15, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern. This is an industrial area, and we know that larger vehicles access these streets. Restricting parking on both sides of the road between 42nd street and the entrance to the summit fleet parking lot will allow enough room for larger vehicles to turn.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that no parking signs be installed on both sides of the road between 42nd street and the entrance to the summit fleet parking lot.

Action

Public services to install no parking signs.

Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove From Agenda.

Background

5. Speeding concerns on Caledonia Drive (Shawn Olson)

Resident has submitted a concern regarding Caledonia Drive. Cars drive through this road at excessive speeds, and we have had two hit and runs within the past 8 months. The first doing \$8000 worth of damage and a second which will be about \$1000. We park as close to the curb as possible and yet we have still been struck. Crossing the street here is noticeably dangerous due to the speed of the vehicles coming through. We must remedy this with a speed change or speed bumps through the area to reduce the danger and potential further damage to vehicles.

May 15, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and this will be addressed with the 40km/h speed change bylaw.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that no further action be taken

Action

Blair martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove From Agenda.

Background

6. Speeding Concerns on 53rd Ave (Shawn Olson)

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Resident has submitted a concern regarding speeding. In recent years on 53 Ave between 47th and 49th street. The traffic has become excessive with people trying to access CrossFit/ school of music. The concern is people trying to access 50th Ave from 47th street. People fly at excessive speed through our community/residential road. With the number of kids living on the block, this is not acceptable.

May 15, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and this will be addressed with the 40km/h speed change bylaw. TAC will continue to monitor the data from the speed awareness sign that has been placed.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council that** we continue to monitor the speed awareness data.

Action Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove From Agenda.

Background **7. Installation of Stop Sign at Sturtz Bend and Southfork Road (Shawn Olson)**

Resident submitted a concern regarding the intersection of Sturtz Bend and Southfork Road. I have two young kids who like to play out front and if there is any way to slow down the traffic on this corner it would be to replace the yield sign with a stop sign. At the adjacent corner there is a stop sign on Sturtz Place and Southfork Road. I just don't understand why on the adjacent corner there is a stop sign but not on my side. If there is any way for someone to look into this that would be greatly appreciated.

May 15, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it appropriate to install a stop sign.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council that** a stop sign be installed

Action Public services to install the stop sign.

Blair martin to follow up with resident.

Remove From Agenda.

Background **8. Speeding Concerns on Sparrow Drive (Kyle Van Steenoven)**

DK Ford has concerns over the increased speeding on Sparrow Drive as a result of the north bound ramp closure onto the QEII. Drivers are using Sparrow Drive as detour route to the highway which has increased traffic on the road and speeding. They would like to see the reduced construction zone speed limit extended further or a temporary speed reduction in this area. They have witnessed an accident already of someone leaving the parking lot and being struck by a speeding vehicle as they pulled out.

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May 15, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and discussed installing a speed awareness sign for the duration of construction. We have installed “local traffic only” signs on both sides of the road to help reduce traffic.

Decision **Tac recommends to council that** a speed awareness sign be installed.

Action Public services to install a speed awareness sign.

Kyle Van Steenoven to follow up with the resident.

Remove From Agenda.

Background **9. Installation of Dedicated Left Turn Lane Leaving 42nd Ave (Cameron Chisholm)**

There used to be a dedicated left turning lane leaving 42nd Ave and it is no longer there. The removal of this lane has made it challenging for emergency service vehicles to get through as there is not enough room to pass when someone is trying to turn left.

May 15, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and the left turning lane was removed to allow for parking on the road. The decision was made to install no parking signs on 42nd Ave and to bring the left turn lane back.

Decision **TAC recommends to council that** the street parking is removed and the left turning lane is repainted.

Action Public Services to install no parking signs.

Kyle Wilkin to paint temporary lines and Blair Martin do the permanent lines during the 50th overlay project.

Remove From Agenda

Background **10. Speeding on Grant MacEwan Blvd Between 50th Ave and Bridgeport Gate (Ed Barden)**

There have been many incidents of speeding and vehicles going at dangerous speeds on Grant MacEwan Blvd between 50th Ave and Bridgeport gate. There have been multiple occurrences of drivers being clocked going 50km/h over the posted speed limit.

May 15, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will revisit this issue when the 65th Ave construction is complete as TAC feels with the increased use of this road there will be less opportunity for motorists to speed.

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Decision **TAC recommends to council that** this issue be revisited when the 65th Ave construction is complete.

Action No further action be taken.

Remove from Agenda

No further items were brought forward for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

September 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
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