

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 21, 2019

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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held November 21, 2019 in the City of Leduc, Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom.

Attendance Those in attendance:
Mayor Bob Young
Cst. Geoff Harnum
Cst. John Prokopiw
Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services
Todd Bellig, Operator, Infrastructure Maintenance
Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services
Shawn Olson, Director, Engineering
Kyle Van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development
Mike Pieters, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning
Shannon Bremner, Recording Secretary

With Regrets Councillor Laura Tillack
Sgt. Shane Himmelman, RCMP
Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant
Gerry Lang, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance
Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation

Public There was no public in attendance.
Commentary

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Olson called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions to the agenda

There were four new items added to the agenda.

8. A resident has requested no parking signs on the corners of Keyport Circle and West Haven Drive.
9. A resident has requested that the City install flashing lights at the crosswalk located at the intersection of Southfork Drive and Stout Link.
10. Councillor Tillack received reports that the flashing lights for the school zone at East Elementary School are not currently functioning.
11. Cst. John Prokopiw has requested "50 km/h ahead" signage on 65 Avenue, east of 39 Street.

Items Carried Forward From Previous Meeting

Background 1. Closing the back access to William F. Lede Park on 44 Street. (Kyle Van Steenoven)

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- Decision **September 19, 2019** – TAC recommend to Council to place an electronic speed sign on 44 Street to see how much traffic there is in this area. Gerry Lang will place an electronic speed sign on 44 Street.
- November 21, 2019** – Gerry Lang placed the electronic speed sign on 44 Street in mid-October 2019. TAC reviewed the data which was gathered over a period of approximately one month; there were approximately 10,000 vehicles recorded. TAC is concerned that the current placement of the speed sign is collecting irrelevant vehicle data from south of 44 Street (e.g. traffic entering the Stone Barn Garden parking lot) so the speed sign will need to be relocated.
- Action **Todd Bellig** will relocate the electronic speed sign to the power pole at the intersection of 44 Street and the multiway path to ensure that vehicle data is not collected from South of the Stone Barn Garden parking lot entrance. The collected data will be brought back to the next TAC meeting for review.
- CARRIED**
- Bring back to the next meeting.*
- Background **2.** École Corinthia Park School are requesting solar flashing lights on the crosswalks in front of the school. (Rick Sereda)
- Decision **September 19, 2019** – TAC recommend to Council to request for more information and conversation with the school. Rick Sereda and Shawn Olson will contact the Principal at École Corinthia Park School to see what solution would work best for the school.
- November 21, 2019** – Rick Sereda and Shawn Olson met with the École Corinthia Park School Principal and they were all in agreement to change the two crosswalks on Corinthia Drive into one crosswalk with flashing lights in 2020.
- Action **Gerry Lang** will remove the two existing crosswalks and put in one crosswalk, which will align with the existing school parking lot crosswalk. Para-ramps will be installed and the new crosswalk will also include flashing lights.
- CARRIED**
- Remove from agenda.*
- Background **3.** Resident lives on Berg Loop and faces 38 Avenue. The resident would like TAC to consider a crosswalk be placed on 38 Avenue and look at safety measures for children. Cars are constantly racing on this road and the path beside is very busy with people walking pets, children, etc. Resident requested additional enforcement monitoring or additional safety measures before there is an accident. (Cameron Chisholm)
- Decision **September 19, 2019** – TAC recommend to Council that something should be done at this location. They would like a budget request to go to Council for 2021 for multiway design, crosswalk and flashing crosswalk lights across 38 Avenue. The Engineers will investigate this further as it may be tied into the Windrose multiway expansion project.
- November 21, 2019** – TAC suggested that if there is funding remaining after the Windrose multiway expansion project, a portion of sidewalk and a crosswalk with flashing lights will be installed in this location in 2020. If there is no leftover funding after the Windrose project, a request will be put forward within the 2021 budget. TAC suggested placing a sign in this

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location regarding the proposed sidewalk and crosswalk to provide residents with advance notice.

Action **Cameron Chisholm** will let the resident know the outcome of the meeting.
Todd Bellig will place a sign at this location on 38 Avenue to indicate this will be a future sidewalk/crossing location.

CARRIED

Remove from agenda.

New Agenda Items

Background **4.** A request was submitted for a handicap sign on 47 Street, in front of 4610 - 47 Street and 4510 - 47 Street. The property manager states that they have a lot of senior residents in these apartments and it is difficult for them to find parking without having to walk quite a distance. (Cari Buziak, Enforcement Services)

Decision **November 21, 2019** – TAC recommend to Council that handicap signs are not placed in this location, as there is no direct access to the buildings from 47 Street. TAC noted that these buildings have private parking lots, so the property manager is welcome to designate several stalls for handicap parking, which would alleviate the concern.

Action **Cameron Chisholm** will let Cari Buziak know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Remove from agenda.

Background **5.** Reduce speeds in neighbourhoods. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **November 21, 2019** – TAC recommend to Council that this project be postponed due to budget constraints. TAC previously discussed using the Census to gather feedback on reducing traffic speeds; however, the Census may now be deferred for a few years. St. Albert and Fort Saskatchewan are currently conducting a traffic speed analysis which includes a review of other communities in the region. The St. Albert report will be available in January 2020 which TAC will review.

Action **TAC** will review the St. Albert and Fort Saskatchewan reports once they are available in 2020.

CARRIED

Remove from agenda.

Background **6.** 2019 Injury and Fatal Collisions in Leduc. (Cameron Chisholm)

Decision **November 21, 2019** – TAC recommend to Council that the committee review serious collision data on an annual basis, as this is a best practice towards achieving Vision Zero. Enforcement Services will also be introducing an initiative in 2020 where they will be conducting a public information campaign for young individuals to be more aware of their surroundings. The younger population are the most vulnerable road users, so this will be an area of focus.

Cameron Chisholm reviewed 88 serious vehicle collision reports that occurred in 2019 up to October 10, 2019, compared to 77 at this time in 2018. Of the 88 collisions, 51 were rear end collisions, 15 were left hand turn collisions and 5 were pedestrian collisions. Some of the

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pedestrian incidents were related to seniors who are considered higher risk and pedestrians were found to be at fault for 2 of the 5 incidents.

Action **Cameron Chisholm** will prepare a vehicle collision report in January 2020, to provide the 2019 serious collision location data for TAC review. This data can then be provided to the GIS department to potentially create a heat map that would show trends of where accidents are occurring.

CARRIED

Bring back to the next meeting.

Background **7.** Proposed Traffic Advisory Committee meetings for 2020.

Decision **November 21, 2019** – TAC recommend to Council to reschedule the February 20, 2020 and June 11, 2020 meeting dates due to conflicts.

Action **Shirley Weslosky** will reschedule the February 20, 2020 meeting to February 27, 2020 and the June 11, 2020 meeting will be rescheduled to June 25, 2020.

CARRIED

Remove from agenda.

Background **8.** A Leduc resident would like no parking signs put up on the corners of Keyport Circle and West Haven Drive. It is very hard to see when entering West Haven Drive from Keyport Circle, as there is a curve in the road and cars are parked at the corner along West Haven Drive. (Kyle Van Steenoven)

Decision **November 21, 2019** – TAC recommend to Council to paint the curb in this location and install no parking signage, to improve visibility and prevent vehicles from parking too close to the crosswalk. The no parking area will align with the lot line between the first and second house from the corner, which back onto West Haven Drive.

Action **Shirley Weslosky** will contact the resident to inform them of the decision.
Todd Bellig will install no parking signage now, then paint the curb in Spring 2020.

CARRIED

Remove from agenda.

Background **9.** A Leduc resident requested that the City look into installing lights at the Southfork Drive and Stout Link crosswalk. When vehicles are parked along this road it makes it difficult to see pedestrians. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **November 21, 2019** – TAC recommend to Council to install solar powered LED crosswalk lights at this intersection.

Action **Gerry Lang** will install flashing lights at this crosswalk.

CARRIED

Remove from agenda.

Background **10.** It was reported that the flashing lights for the school zone at East Elementary School are not currently functioning. (Councillor Tillack)

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Decision **November 21, 2019** – TAC recommend to Council that concerns with traffic or crosswalk light operations be reported to the Public Services department so they can be addressed immediately. It was further noted that the crosswalk at East Elementary School will be converted to flashing lights in the future.

Action **Andy Owens** in Public Services will be investigating this concern today to ensure the school zone flashing lights are functioning at 3:00 p.m. If the lights are not functioning properly, Public Services will investigate and fix the lights.

CARRIED

Remove from agenda.

Background **11.** Cst. John Prokopiw has requested “50 km/hr ahead” signage on 65 Avenue, east of 39 Street. The speed limit changes from 70 to 50 km/hour in this area, so it would be helpful to have signage installed to warn drivers.

Decision **November 21, 2019** – TAC recommend to Council to place a “50 km/hr ahead” sign in this location.

Action **Todd Bellig** will install signage in this location, on 65 Avenue just east of 39 Street.

CARRIED

Remove from agenda.

Information item

1. About Warning Signs (Rick Sereda)

This document was distributed to TAC for information only. The document outlines that children at play signs and deaf/blind child signs can provide a false sense of security. TAC suggested that children at play or deaf/blind signage should be tracked so Public Services can follow up to determine whether the signage is still required. The signage can be removed if it is no longer required. This item may be revisited by TAC in the future.

Any Other Items

1. TAC Committee of Council 2020 Update (Shawn Olson)

The annual TAC presentation to Council will be scheduled for June 22, 2020.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Next Meeting

February 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. – Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom.