

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held September 13, 2018 in the City of Leduc, Operations Building, Engineering Boardroom.

Attendance Those in attendance:
Councillor Laura Tillack
Shawn Olson, Director, Engineering
Todd Bellig, Public Services
Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services
Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services
Cst. Oliver Ling
Cst. Bridget Morla
Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation
Shirley Weslosky, Recording Secretary
Mayor Bob Young
Kyle Van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development

With Regrets Gerry Lang, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance
Mike Pieters, GM Infrastructure & Planning
Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant

Public
Commentary

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Olson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carried Forward From Previous Meeting

Background **1. Branding/formalization of traffic safety discussions (Brent Dueck)**

Decision Brent Dueck is suggesting that the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) take over the traffic safety program in Leduc and become responsible for all of the traffic safety issues. The Traffic Advisory Committee would stay the same, but branding it with another name.

- Branding the traffic safety program
- Policy and Bylaws will need to be changed
- The objective would be to reduce collisions and concentrate on safety
- Launch the program in the fall
- Public engagement to attend the meetings
- Items brought forward from(CSAC) Community Safety Advisory Committee through a liaison
- City of Leduc communications, Nikki Booth will come up with advertising and branding for the committee.
- Come up with a logo for the committee
- TAC were opposed to the suggested 5 pillars of responsibility but were in favour of a collaborative approach to the 5 pillars of traffic safety.
- The five Pillars are;

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Education Owner, Engagement Owner, Engineering Owner, Enforcement Owner, and Evaluation Owner

Next steps

- Bylaw amendment
- There will be a side committee of Brent Dueck, Cameron Chisholm, Rick Sereda, and Shawn Olson.

Motion 01/17 It was moved by Shawn Olson that Traffic Advisory Committee supports the formalization of integrated collaborated approach to safety lead by the Traffic Advisory Committee.

September 12, 2017 meeting – No update

November 9, 2017 meeting – No update

The meeting will take place on Tuesday November 14, 2017.

February 8, 2018 - No update

April 12, 2018 meeting

- TAC will be moving forward with vision zero, the next step is presenting it to Council
- There will be no name change, as this program will still run as Traffic Advisory Committee. It will however fall under the vision zero banner.
- Review of injury collisions during TAC meetings, looking at where and when the accidents are happening.
- Helps to support other programs that the city has and will take care of the five pillars in the transportation system.

June 14, 2018 meeting – Set up meeting for September 17, 2018

September 13, 2018 meeting – no update

Action *Bring back to the next meeting*

CARRIED

Background **2.** Resident would like TAC to add a left hand turn signal heading North on Coady Boulevard at Rollyview Road. Brent Dueck

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** - The traffic volumes are not high in this area and more information is required.

Action **Brent Dueck** will look in to the collisions on Coady Boulevard and Rollyview Road to see if it is a high collision area.

September 13, 2018 meeting – no update

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- Background **3.** Resident is concerned with the speeding along Bella Coola Drive by Campbell Park playground. She said this playground is always busy with kids and vehicles are constantly speed down this road so she is concerned for the children's safety. She has contacted Enforcement Services several times regarding this and has requested speed traps and additional enforcement, but the speeding continues. She sees that there are new flashing playground signs throughout the City and she is wondering if these can be placed at this playground as well. (Kyle Van Steenoven)
- Decision **TAC recommend to Council** that this is a playground area and the speed limit is 50km. The resident believes that this is a 30 km zone, so TAC would like to see education in this area for residents. A speed awareness sign will be placed west bound on Bella Coola Drive, and Information will be brought back to TAC.
- Action **Michael Stadnyk** – The Community Peace Officer (CPO) will educate with a public awareness campaign informing public that this area is a playground zone.
- Gerry Lang** – Public Services will put up a speed awareness sign on Bella Coola Drive west bound and will bring back information to the next TAC meeting.
- September 13, 2018 meeting** – Provincial tools for assessment meets the playground area requirements. The speed data shows that vehicles are not speeding in this area. Nothing further will be done on Bella Coola Drive.
- Kyle Van Steenoven** – Will contact the resident back and let them know the outcome of the meeting.
- Take off agenda*

CARRIED

- Background **4.** There has been a request for a crosswalk to be placed at 48 Street and 42 Avenue. This is a very busy pedestrian location being south of the Leduc Hospital. When vehicles turn off of 50 Street onto 42 Avenue the line of sight can be poor and cars come down this street quickly, not noticing pedestrians crossing. (Gerry Lang)
- Decision **TAC recommend to Council** to follow up with Bruce Knisley concerning a sidewalk on 42 Avenue to see if there is budget will allow a crosswalk to be placed here.
- Action **Cameron Chisholm** will discuss the sidewalk with Bruce Knisley to see if there is any budget for a sidewalk.
- Gerry Lang** – Public Services will put a stop sign and stop bar on the road on 48 Street.
- September 13, 2018 meeting** – this has been completed by Public Services.
- Gerry Lang** – Will contact the resident and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

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Take off agenda

CARRIED

Background 5. Resident on Caledonia Drive and 42 Street asks for TAC’s help in monitoring this playground zone as they would estimate that half of people driving through the zone are not only not abiding by the 30 km speed, but some appear to be doing over 50 km by the time they are at the crosswalk. They have had numerous incidents where people come around the corner so fast they actually drive up onto their driveway. Another concern is the amount of people they see on their phones while driving through this playground zone. They have seen people having to slam on their brakes after nearly hitting a child crossing the street.

TAC received an email from a resident June 27, 2018 her concern is the intersection on 42 Street and Caledonia Drive. She has been involved in numerous near misses at this intersection as she drives through it at least twice per day, and has seen a couple of fender benders as well. She believes that with the increased number of houses that have been built south of Campbell road (and really no other access in or out of this area), and the increased enrolment in Caledonia school a 4-way stop at this intersection would benefit the community. (Kyle Van Steenoven)

Decision TAC recommend to Council to put in a speed awareness sign along Caledonia Drive and bring back the speed information to the next TAC meeting.

Action Gerry Lang – Public Services will place speed awareness on Caledonia Drive going east bound.

Gerry Lang - will bring back the recorded speeds to the next meeting.

September 13, 2018 meeting – The recorded speeds along Caledonia Drive are showing 36 of the 85 percentile, this shows TAC that there is not a lot of speeding in this area. Enforcement has been enforcing this area for the last month and a half, and will continue periodically.

Kyle Van Steenoven will contact both residents and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

Take off agenda

CARRIED

New Items

Background 6. An owner in Leduc Business Park spent time in Grande Prairie, and found that speed limits in industrial areas of that city were between 60 – 80 km/hr. He is wondering if it would be possible for the City of Leduc to consider some changes to the speed limits in the Leduc Business Park. The changes I would like to see would be reasonable based on what other jurisdictions already do. There is no residential and there are no playgrounds and little chance for children in the area. Also, it seems odd that 45 Street is 70 km on the north end and 60 km south of 65 Avenue yet 65 Avenue east of 45 Street is 50 km then turns to 70 km past 39 Street. Could 65

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Avenue change to 70 km east of 45 Street? Most roads within the business park could easily be 60 km as there are very few pedestrian crossings (I don't think I have seen any). I see the traffic enforcement hiding with radar often and most business that I have talked to feel that this is almost laughable that speeds are posted so low (50 km) and then enforcement backs into an approach to top up the quotas. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** – to have the RCMP bring the collision data for the Leduc Business Park to the November TAC meeting.

Bridget Morla - will look into the collision data for the Leduc Business Park.

Action *Bring Back to the next meeting*

CARRIED

Background **7.** Resident at ■ Apache Crescent has concerns with cyclist's safety in the alley. He would like to have a separate pathway not a yellow line that narrows up the alley on the corners. (Cameron Chisholm)

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** – that Community Development and Culture (CDC) look at the back alley and see if a multiway can be put in.

Cameron Chisholm will follow up with Rachel Yeung, CDC to see if a multiway is possible in the back alley.

Action *Bring Back to the Next Meeting*

CARRIED

Background **8.** Two residents sent emails to TAC regarding the intersection at Robinson Drive and Reynald Way witnessing a child almost getting hit by a truck when crossing the crosswalk. They would like TAC to consider the safety of pedestrians by installing flashing crosswalk signs, or a speed table in this intersection as vehicles are not stopping for pedestrians. (Rick Sereda)

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** – To have Public Services remove the west cross walk and put in a crosswalk on the east side with flashing lights.

Gerry Lang - Public Services will put up the flashing lights and remove the west crosswalk.

Rick Sereda – Will contact the resident and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

Action *Take off agenda*

CARRIED

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- Background **9.** Residents are utilizing 54 Avenue for a short cut to get to 50 Avenue off of 50 Street. (Shawn Olson)
- Decision **TAC recommends to Council** – TAC would like to have the speed awareness sign data on 54 Avenue to make any decisions at this time.
- Gerry Lang** - Public Services will set up a speed awareness sign on 54 Avenue westbound and bring back the data to the November TAC meeting.
- Action *Bring Back to the next meeting*
- CARRIED**
- Background **10.** a) Resident is concerned with the traffic speed between Wade Avenue and Alton Drive on average vehicles travel well above 50 km per hour. Those drivers either leaving the playground speed zone adjacent to Doris Smith Park or exiting from Wade Avenue use the first 2 to 3 hundred metres of Windrose Drive as an acceleration zone. Combine this with further visibility challenges presented by the condo maintenance vehicles regularly parked on Windrose Drive and it raises the probability of a mishap even greater. I suggest the city extend the playground zone to the full length of the park property. Then provide a controlled crosswalk (with flashing lights) at the junction of Windrose and Westlin Drive to facilitate some greater measure for pedestrian safety. (Shawn Olson) July 26, 2018 a speed awareness sign was posted in this area. Public Services will capture data over a 2 week period and with both speed signs in “Stealth” mode so they will not be displaying speeds. (Shawn Olson)
- b) Another resident in this area sent TAC an email; I want to suggest a crosswalk on Wade Avenue and Windrose Drive. I have lived on Wade Avenue 3 years and a lot of families and elderly cross here to go over to the park/biking path. It is especially difficult to cross here because nobody slows down for the playground zone ahead, which is hidden behind a tree depending on which angle you are looking. The crosswalk would make people slow down before the playground zone and make it safe for all the families on Wade Avenue and surrounding blocks to cross over to the closest access we have to the biking path/park. (Shawn Olson)
- Decision **TAC recommends to Council** – That the speed awareness sign data does not support that there is speeding along Windrose Drive. TAC is all in favor of placing a zebra crosswalk at Windrose Drive & Westlin Drive with another sidewalk placed at Windrose Drive & Woods Place.
- TAC recommends to Council** – To place flashing lights at Windrose Drive and Workun Drive as children cross here to go to the park.
- Gerry Lang** – Public Services will place the above mentioned crosswalks and flashing lights.
- Shawn Olson** – Will contact the resident and let them know the outcome of the meeting.
- Action *Take off agenda*
- CARRIED**

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Background 11. [REDACTED] is concerned that people are jaywalking across 50 Street between 57 Avenue and 60 Avenue. [REDACTED] has indicated their camera footage has caught people predominantly in the afternoons between Tuesday and Friday. He would like to see something done about the issue whether it be a crosswalk added at 59th, additional enforcement, community education, etc. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** - To have RCMP review this further to see where pedestrians are jaywalking across 50 Street and bring back the information to TAC.

Oliver Ling – Will see if pedestrians are jaywalking across 50 Street and bring the information back to TAC.

Action *Bring back to the next meeting*

CARRIED

Background 12. Resident would like TAC to consider putting up flashing lights at the crosswalk on Spruce Boulevard by the Seven Eleven store. Resident was crossing in the crosswalk and a vehicle was turning onto Spruce Boulevard and drove right through the crosswalk, if he had not been paying attention he would have been hit. (The driver was looking into the parking lot of the service station). (Kyle Van Steenoven)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** - that flashing lights be placed at the crosswalk on Sutherland Street and Windrose Drive.

Kyle Van Steenoven - Will contact the resident and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

Action *Take off agenda*

CARRIED

Background 13. Residents of West Haven have concerns regarding the lack of a crosswalk at the intersection of West Haven Drive and Kirpatrick Way/Court. As this intersection is in close proximity to the West Haven School, there is a large amount of children crossing at this intersection during the school year. (Gerry Lang)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** - TAC were all in favor of installing a zebra crosswalk across Westhaven Drive to Kirpatrick Court. They would also like to have a crosswalk across Kirpatrick Court Cul-de-sac

Gerry Lang – Public Services will install the above noted crosswalks.

Gerry Lang - Will contact the resident and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

Action *Take off agenda*

CARRIED

Background 14. a) With the new 7-11 opening on Sandelwood Place, there is increased pedestrian traffic crossing Suntree Promenade from Snowdrop Court to Sutherland Street and not just from residents of Snowdrop Court. It is a high volume crossing location during the school year as

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well as children frequently cross at this location rather than at Grant McEwan. Drivers from Grant McEwan do not slow down when entering Suntree and there needs to be something to slow drivers at this location like a crosswalk. Please review installation of a pedestrian crossing at this location, with flashers as it poses a significant safety risk due to the proximity to Grant McEwan Drive. I would like to point out that Spruce Boulevard has a crosswalk to from Southerland to the 7-11 and it is approximately the same distance away from Grant McEwan Drive.

b) Visibility is reduced when exiting the Snowdrop Court cul-de-sac due to the curvature of the adjacent street (Suntree Promenade) as the vehicles parked on the Northbound curb lane obscure visibility of vehicles approaching from the West. As you can see in the attached photo, it is extremely difficult to see past the vehicles without advancing well into the Westbound lane of Suntree Promenade. This is unsafe as the vehicle exiting Snowdrop Court is then at risk from being struck from the vehicles whipping around the corner from Grant McEwan Drive which is very close in proximity. (Kyle Van Steenoven)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – That a crosswalk be placed at Snow Drop Court across Suntree Promenade. TAC were also in agreement to have flashing lights placed at the crosswalk on Sutherland Street and Windrose Drive.

Gerry Lang – Public Services will put in the crosswalk at Snow Drop Court across Suntree Promenade. Public Services will put in flashing lights at the crosswalk on Sutherland Street and Windrose Drive.

Kyle Van Steenoven - Will contact the resident and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

Action *Take off agenda*

CARRIED

Background **15.** Resident has concerns with the parking by Leduc Estates school between the 4 way stop and the railway tracks on the west side of the road. The complaint is that there is no sidewalk there and the kids are jaywalking across the road. She is concerned that with sight lines the way they are, that a child jaywalking may not be seen and could be hit. She said no parking should be considered on that side of the street. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – To allow parking along Alton Drive on the west side of the road. TAC is in agreement that there is limited parking along this street for dropping of children.

Action **Shawn Olson** – Will communicate with the school to let them know that there will be no parking changes in this area, and parents should to be reminded about safety when dropping off their children.

Take off agenda

CARRIED

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Background **16.** Now that school/university is back in, transit is experiencing a major increase in bus passengers disembarking in front of the Courthouse in the afternoons (an average 40-45 people disembarking at one time) and crossing all over the intersection at 50 Street and 47 Avenue (not limited to the crosswalk). Vehicles are stopping right up at the crosswalk when the flashing lights are activated. Pedestrians are crossing all around the vehicles to get to their other buses or vehicles.
Buses arrive approximately every half hour between 3:38 pm – 6:31 pm.
Transit would like the CPO's to keep this area in mind when you are out. Passengers who are crossing immediately behind the bus, and crossing on the south side of the intersection are hard to see for oncoming traffic and the situation has high potential for a passenger/vehicle collision.
(Shawn Olson)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – To place a small delineator chain link fence on the north and south side of the bus stop with signs on the fence that say “do not cross”.

Action **Gerry Lang** – Public Services will place a delineator chain link fence on the north and south side of the bus stop.

Take off agenda

CARRIED

Background **17.** The school bus on Hwy 2A near to Southfork Road. The problem is that a school bus has to pick up and drop off children on Hwy 2A after Southfork Road. The speed limit pass from 100 to 70. It's a two way road without median. The problem is that the bus stops and drop off / pick up a child who has to cross the street. Vehicles don't stop and pass very fast beside the school bus. (Brent Dueck)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – To refer to Leduc County concerning the above noted issue as this is not the City of Leduc jurisdiction.

Action **Oliver Ling** - will send a letter to Black Gold School Division and Leduc County.

Take off agenda

CARRIED

Background **18.** The southbound lane coming out of the boat club has a stop sign and the westbound lane on 48 Avenue also has a stop sign. The northbound lane on 44 Street has no traffic control and allows one to proceed straight through to the boat club or turn right onto 48 Avenue. This intersection gets quite busy on the weekends when there are events at the Stone Barn, the boat club and at Lede park. With the pedestrian crossing right at this intersection.
(Shawn Olson)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** to have a three way stop sign placed on this corner by the boat club.

Action **Gerry Lang** – Public Services will ensure this is a three way stop.

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Shawn Olson - will let the resident know the outcome of the meeting.

Take off agenda

CARRIED

Background **19.** Caledonia Park School Parents would like a crosswalk placed in front of the school, across Coady Boulevard to the Leduc Community Baptist Church.

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** that residents should not be parking on Coady Boulevard as this is an arterial road. (Kyle Van Steenoven)

TAC suggest Engineering discuss the parking issues at the October 3, 2018 meeting with Caledonia Park School and Black Gold School Division.

Action **Kyle Van Steenoven** will let Caledonia Park School know that there will be no crosswalk placed in the middle of Coady Boulevard.

Shawn Olson will discuss the parking issues at Caledonia Park School with Black Gold School Division meeting on October 3, 2018.

Take off agenda

CARRIED

Background **20.** Resident would like to see the traffic bylaw changed for businesses with truck and trailers. The change would allow businesses to leave their trailers unattached from their vehicles, and be able to park their trailers in residential areas during the duration of their work in that area. (Mayor Bob Young)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** that this be brought forward to Council.

Action **Mayor Bob Young** will take this to Council.

Bring back to the next meeting

CARRIED

Background **21.** Resident who lives on the corner of Southfork Drive and Southfork Road request speed bumps to be placed on both roads to reduce the speed on them. Brent Dueck

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** - Playground zone signs have been placed at Sturtz Bend and Southfork Road. With the sidewalks being placed along Southfork Drive, TAC believe this will slow down traffic in this area.

Action **Brent Dueck** will call the resident back and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

Take off agenda

CARRIED

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Information
Item

TAC recommend to Council that speed awareness signs be placed on Alton Drive for traffic statistics.

Gerry Lang will place speed awareness signs on Alton Drive and bring the results to the November 8, 2018 meeting.

Bring back to the next meeting

CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Next meeting – November 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. – OPS Building, 2nd Floor, Engineering Boardroom.