

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held February 27, 2020 in the City of Leduc, Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom.

Attendance Those in attendance:
Councillor Laura Tillack
Sgt. Shane Himmelman, RCMP
Cst. Geoff Harnum
Cst. John Prokopiw
Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services
Gerry Lang, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance
Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services
Shawn Olson, Director, Engineering
Kyle Wilkin, Engineering Project Manager
Shirley Weslosky, Recording Secretary

With Regrets Mayor Bob Young
Kyle Van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development
Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant
Mike Pieters, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning
Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation

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

- 11. Parked vehicles on residential snow clearing streets.
- 12. Developers sign in Robinson

Items Carried Forward From Previous Meeting

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

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

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Stone Barn Garden parking lot entrance. The collected data will be brought back to the next TAC meeting for review.

February 27, 2020 – TAC recommend to Council that the data from the electronic speed sign shows there is not enough traffic or speeding on this road to warrant closing the road. We would need access to this road if there is a fire in this area, or if there was an issue on the lake. TAC would like to educate the public to use Black Gold Drive instead of the residential area in South Telford.

Rick Sereda will send a letter to the garden plot users so they use Lede Park Road.

Gerry Lang will put up local traffic only signs entering 47 Avenue, 46 A Avenue, and 46 Avenue in South Telford. He will also place a right turn only sign when leaving the yard waste transfer station. This will slow down traffic in this area.

Gerry Lang will contact Rachel Szucs, Manager of Community Development to let the boat club users know to use Lede Park Road. He will also contact City of Leduc communications, to let the sport field users know to use Lede Park Road.

Gerry Lang will leave up the electronic speed sign to collect data during the summer months.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **2. 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 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.

February 27, 2020 – Cameron Chisholm presented TAC with a map with trends of where accidents are occurring.

Cameron Chisholm will send data to Shawn Olson to look at all of the high volume accident areas to see if there are any protected left hand turns required in these areas.

CARRIED

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Take off agenda

New Agenda Items

Background **3.** Resident would like crosswalk lights put up in front of Notre Dame School at the crosswalk. Vehicles are not stopping for pedestrians, and she is concerned about the children's safety. (Shawn Olson)

Decision TAC recommend to Council to put up a ped-crossing in front of Notre Dame School at the existing crosswalk.

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

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **4.** Request for signage at the pedestrian crossing at Caledonia Park School, as the paint markings for the crossing are not visible in the winter months. This is part of the grander issue in the area and if the school board is going to add parking we may want to change and have this as an additional illuminated crossing with flashers and get rid of the four-way stop to the north which should not be there from a traffic flow (arterial to local road) standpoint. (Shawn Olson)

Decision TAC recommend to Council to change the way children are crossing the streets in this area. TAC were in agreement to change the four-way stop to a two-way stop at McLeod Crescent and Coady Boulevard. A ped-crossing will be placed in front of Caledonia Park School across Coady Boulevard to the Leduc Community Baptist Church. There will be no changes to the Middleton Close ped-crossing.

Action **Gerry Lang** – The four-way stop at McLeod Crescent and Coady Boulevard will become a two-way stop.

Gerry Lang will put a ped-crossing in front of Caledonia Park School across Coady Boulevard to the Leduc Community Baptist Church, in the summer of 2020.

Gerry Lang will check with the Leduc Community Baptist Church for approval to put in sidewalk blocks to connect to the church.

Cari Buziak, Community Peace Officer will call the resident back to let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **5.** The speed limit just in front of resident's property on 38 Avenue is 70 km/hour which he feels is far too high for a residential road. Traffic is travelling 80 – 90 km/hr down this road, which includes a lot of semi and large vehicle traffic. He also said there is a blind corner due to

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trees that is very unsafe; he believes it is a matter of time before someone is killed here. This road typically has icy road conditions and they mentioned that he pulled 3 vehicles from the ditch just yesterday alone. (Kyle Van Steenoven)

Resident is requesting:

- The 70 km/hour speed should be reduced to 50 km/hour, as 50 km/hour is the standard speed limit for roads bordering residential properties in Leduc.
- A 4-way stop should be installed at the blind corner intersection. Drivers are not currently stopping at the stop sign that is in place.

Decision TAC recommend to Council – That Grant MacEwan Boulevard and 38 Avenue is a designated road with a speed limit of 70km. Trucks are using Grant MacEwan Boulevard as a truck route, TAC would like the RCMP to monitor this area as this road is not a truck route and there is quite a few trucks using this road. TAC were in agreement to change the two-way stop to a four-way stop at this intersection.

Action **Gerry Lang** will change the two way-stop into a four-way stop at the intersection on Grant McEwan Boulevard and 38 Avenue.

RCMP will monitor the area for speeding and truck usage.

Geoff Harnum will call the resident back to let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **6.** We live across from the High School where there is not enough parking in the parking lot for all the student vehicles, so they park on the street. I don't care about the parking in front of my house, yes it can be annoying when someone during the day wants to visit and they cannot park in front but they can usually park in the back at our garage. My request is if lines can be painted on the street to indicate parking spots. Some students leave too much but not enough room for another student to park. (Shawn Olson)

Decision TAC recommend to Council - TAC were in agreement to leave the road as public parking. If lines were painted on the street, these lines would not be visible in the winter.

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

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **7.** The intersection of 50th Street and highway 2A seems to be extremely dangerous lately. On Wednesday at noon, my husband and 3 toddlers were almost hit there by a pickup truck that blew the red light going very fast (likely well over 100 kph). Today at 4:30 pm I was almost hit by a car peeling through the intersection in the middle of my green light. I couldn't see past the car next to me whether he also blew the red light going straight or made an unsafe left hand turn. I have also seen other close calls not involving my vehicle here. I just wanted to bring this to someone's attention. This is the first time that I feel unsafe living in Southfork. I am terrified that my family is going to get killed at this intersection that we use every day. I suggest possibly lowering the speed limit or more police presence or cameras that issue tickets. (Rick Sereda)

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Decision TAC recommend to Council to have the RCMP monitor this area.

Action **Geoff Harnum** will have the RCMP monitor this area for speed.

Gerry Lang will put up a speed data sign to monitor the traffic east and west.

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

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **8.** I've noticed in the past six years I've called Leduc home there's hardly any to zero yellow painted curbs or signs indicating areas you can't park. This includes obvious items such as fire hydrants, yet people still park well within the recommended three-meter zone. With these types of drivers, I see them park on the curves/corners of the neighbourhood sidewalks. My main concern at the moment stems from having two near misses in the same spot this weekend coming into the area of Southfork. Going west on Southfork Drive and coming up to the Southwick Street and Boulevard intersection. Unfortunately, I am not the only one experiencing near misses of drivers turning left from Southwick Street onto Southfork Drive going eastbound. Currently there's no signs or curb painting indicating any sorts of non-parking. There is usually a few larger full size trucks parked here blocking the sight lines of all drivers and pedestrians. I've learnt to slow down at it and it's saved me multiple times. In the summer there's also issues of people parking their RV's/campers on the northwest side of the sidewalk also blocking it. So it's a real gamble if your turning left in the summer. (Rick Sereda)

Decision TAC recommend to Council to have Public Services investigate the area and see if this warrants painting the curb and putting up no parking signs.

Action **Gerry Lang** – will investigate this area to see if this area warrants painting the curb and putting up no parking signs.

Rick Sereda will call the resident back to let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Bring back to the next meeting

Background **9.** Resident is tired of people driving at all speeds, out of control, stunting on Windrose Drive near Doris Smith Park. They were walking with their daughter on the sidewalk, when a resident of the multi-family residential development across the street from Doris Smith Park, was speeding, lost control of their vehicle and almost came onto the sidewalk into them. He was driving so fast they were unable to get his plate. This is a playground zone. A few weeks ago, a driver lost control of their vehicle in the middle of the night and drove onto the lawn of 98 Westlin Drive. (Cameron Chisholm)

Decision TAC recommend to Council that there be enforcement along Windrose Drive. In the past it was monitored and there was no speeding in this area.

Action **Gerry Lang** will put up a speed awareness sign on both side of the street, at different times.

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Cameron Chisholm will have ATE monitor this area.

Cameron Chrisholm will call the resident back to let them know the outcome of the meeting.

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Take off agenda

Background **10.** There is an issue in front of Savannah Villas with kids walking from McDonalds on the south side of 43A Ave to and from the junior high leading to an erosion of landscaping material. Savannah Villas would like the sidewalk extended from where the commercial sidewalk ended to the corner of 48 Street. This is something the City of Leduc could look at during the reconstruction in the area which is planned within the next 5 years. In the interim TAC should look at pedestrian crossing, paint, letdown, etc. to get kids to cross the street prior to walking on landscaping material. If that is effective, then maybe the additional sidewalk would not be required. (Shawn Olson)

Decision TAC recommend to Council to put in a ped-crossing across 43 A Avenue west of 48 Street.

Action **Gerry Lang** will put in a ped-crossing across 43 A Avenue west of 48 Street.

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

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **11.** Parked vehicles on residential snow clearing streets is a problem with the City of Leduc as residents are not removing their vehicles during snow removal.

Decision TAC recommend to Council to have no parking signs with snow removal times on the sign, this will inform residents when no parking is enforced. Public Services will look into this further. It was suggested to have a pilot project to see if this is effective.

Action **Gerry Lang** will look into no parking signs with snow removal times on the signs,

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **12.** There is a developer sign at the beginning of Robinson that is blocking driver's visibility.

Decision TAC recommend to Council to have the developer sign moved.

Action **Kyle Wilkin** will call planning department to see if this sign can be moved.

Information item

Any Other Items

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

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Next Meeting

April 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. – GoToMeeting