

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 9, 2023

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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 9, 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

Councillor Laura Tillack

Shawn Olson, Director, Engineering

Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services

Kyle van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development

Kyle Wilkin, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance

Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services

Alysha Laviolette, Recording Secretary

Brian Oliver, Fire Prevention Officer

Blair Martin, Engineering Project Manager

Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation

Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant

With Regrets

Mike Pieters, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning

Sgt. Thomas Dimopoulos, RCMP

Karen Yake, Manager, Communications and Marketing Advisory Services

John Prokopiw, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services

Gerry Kelly, Deputy Fire Chief

Public

Commentary

No Public Commentary

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Olson called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

The following emergent items were added to the agenda.

Under New Business Items:

15. Installation of a 3-way stop at Windrose drive and Alton (Mayor Young).

PREVIOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

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Background

1. Review of Collision Data and Maps Provided by Inspector McBeth

Presentation given by Inspector McBeth, RCMP. Report completed by criminal analysis. In 2021 there were 290 collisions, most commonly occurring between October – December and Thursdays and Fridays between 9 am – 5 pm. The most common location where accidents occurred was Highway 2 and 50th Avenue. The data from January to September 2022 showed 76% of accidents occurred in Leduc and 8% in Leduc County. The data in 2021 show that 70% of accidents involved two motor vehicles.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: The RCMP will have an analyst to dissect that area and see if the accidents occur more North bound or South bound. There are a few areas of main concern of vehicles turning left. Once TAC reviews the data, they will consider putting up signs for high collision area at Highway 2 and 50th Avenue.

November 10th, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the maps provided, the main cause of collisions is following too close. TAC discussed having some form of communications campaign to bring awareness to these areas and get the RCMP involved.

January 12, 2023 Meeting: TAC discussed the installation of signs at high collision areas and posting the collision map on the website along with sending the map to driver training locations in Leduc.

March 9, 2023 Meeting: The high collision area information has been provided to the consultant.

Decision

TAC recommends to Council that no further action taken.

Action

Cameron Chisholm to provide high collision map to communications.

Remove from agenda.

Background

2. Neighborhood Speed Zone Reduction (Shawn Olson)

When the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) made their annual presentation at the June 20, 2022 Council meeting, Council requested that TAC return in the Fall with further information regarding neighbourhood speed zones. The Southfork speed reduction pilot program has been successful, so there are intentions to move forward with a City wide change to 40 km/hour. TAC will need to discuss the implementation strategy. Kiann McNeill, Director of Communications and Marketing Services, attended the TAC meeting to provide a high-level summary of what the implementation from a communications perspective consists of. This item will be brought forward again at the November 10, 2022 TAC meeting, to discuss the implementation.

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September 29, 2022 Meeting: The data from Southfork shows there has been a reduction in speed since implementing the 40 km/hour zones. In addition, TAC recommended moving to school zone times being school days only from 7:30-4:30 inclusive which needs to be approved by council. There is debate on whether a bylaw change is required to enact this or whether we can just put-up markers that state school zone in effect when lights are flashing and adjust the flashers. This may also require some budget adjustments as we have not budgeted for the school zone tabs, unless public services have enough money in the proposed sign budget for lowering the city to 40km/hr to also cover the tabs.

November 10, 2022 Meeting: Kiann brought forward a 4 phase campaign that will include an announcement portion, a 6 week communication campaign, and implementation. This will come into effect with the school zones changing.

January 12, 2023 Meeting: Communications plan is underway and the draft of map is completed.

March 9, 2023 Meeting: By-law first reading is in. This by-law covers school zone changes and full city speed zone change. There will be an opportunity for public commentary.

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

Action **Remove from agenda.**

Background **3. Petition to reopen 44th Street (Shawn Olson)**

A resident has started a petition to remove the barrier that allows access from 44th Street to Telford Lake. The 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.

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.

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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.

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

Action No further action be taken.

Remove from agenda.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Background **4. 2 Hour Parking on 49th Avenue (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding 2-hour parking on 49th Ave. There is a limit on parking in the area that is obstructing the use of the space for residents. This area requires more discussion as there appears to be a real hodgepodge of parking restrictions in this area from 2 hours during the day, to no overnight, to no restrictions at all along 49th depending where you are between 50th street and 47th street. We will have a map made up for TAC that illustrates the various parking restrictions in the area and compare that to the concerned resident's address.

March 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern. This area needs to be reviewed from an operational standpoint. 2-hour parking with no overnight should remain on 50th Ave in front of businesses for operational needs (snow clearing and street sweeping) regardless of what else is considered. No parking overnight and 2-hour restrictions should be reviewed in other areas in light of the downtown redevelopment plans. Permit parking for specific groups is not recommended.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that the map be provided to planning.

Action Shawn Olson to send map to planning and follow up with Councilor Pollard.

Remove from agenda.

Background **5. Handicapped parking sign on Kirpatrick Way (Shawn Olson)**

Resident has requested a handicapped parking sign in front of their home on Kirpatrick way. Residents' wife has mobility issues cause by her sciatic nerve pain and it is difficult for her to walk long distances. They have back ally parking, but their vehicle is large and has a hard time fitting in the back ally and it is difficult for her to get too.

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March 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and did not deem it appropriate to have handicapped parking as there is dedicated parking behind the property and what appears to be equal access to both the front and back side of the house. In discussion with the homeowner, it was not determined that they had a handicapped placard that would enable use of the stall if approved.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that no action be taken

Action Blair Martin to follow up with resident.

Remove from agenda.

Background **6. Move the 30kmh sign at Alpaugh Crescent and Alexander Drive (Shawn Olson)**

A resident has requested we move the 30km/h sign at Alpaugh Crescent and Alexander Drive about 10 meters closer to the actual park. Those exiting Alpaugh Crescent at the east end do not see the sign.

March 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, the current sign is in the correct location per the setback requirement. The installation of a secondary sign would allow for adequate notice of the upcoming park.

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

Action Kyle Wilkin to install secondary sign.

Shawn Olson to follow up with Councilor Hansen.

Remove from Agenda.

Background **7. 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.

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Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that Cameron Chisholm follow up with resident to see if the issue persists after vermac signs are utilized to increase education of the issue and the high enforcement area.

Action Cameron Chisholm to Follow up with resident to see if still a problem persists and let public services know.

CARRIED.

Background **8. Installation of Stop Sign at Intersection of Edgewater Circle and Sheppard Blvd (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Edgewater Circle and Sheppard Blvd. Vehicles that travel on Sheppard Blvd seldom stop for kids crossing for the school bus. It occurs very often, and it is only a matter of time before something bad happens.

March 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, the intersection can't be changed into a 4 way stop because it's a major through fare. TAC discussed the installation of no pedestrian crossing signs on the north and south side of the intersection.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that no pedestrian crossing signs be installed at the north and south side of the intersection.

Action Kyle Wilkin to install no pedestrian crossing signs on north and south side of the intersection.

Blair Martin to follow-up with resident.

Remove from agenda.

Background **9. Move Barriers on Black Gold Drive Further East (Cameron Chisholm)**

Resident would like the barriers at the end of Black Gold drive moved further east. Resident stated that people are using the dead-end area for a variety of mischievous activities such as stunting, drug use, fireworks and letting their dogs out to run around free. The resident feels that by closing that area off, it will reduce the illegal activity behind her house.

March 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will not be moving the barriers as that would require a by-law to close the street.

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Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that public services confirm the barriers properly restrict access to the fields.

Action Public services to check barriers block access to the field. Road access must be maintained as the road is a registered public road.

Cameron Chisholm to follow up with resident.

Remove from agenda.

Background **10. Review CRISP Grant (Shawn Olson)**

Ranging from \$500 to \$4000, SRT grants are designed for projects that promote collaboration to make streets safer for all road users of all ages and abilities across the Capital Region. CRISP's SRT grant has been established to promote collaborative, community-driven projects, partnerships, and initiatives related to traffic safety in the Alberta Capital Region by providing short-term funding. Projects must be multi-sectoral and/or cross-jurisdictional and contribute to CRISP's vision.

March 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the grant the deadline was in February

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

Action **Remove from agenda**

Background **11. Installation of a Stop or Yield Sign for Southbound Traffic on 47 Street along with a marked crosswalk (Kyle Wilkin)**

Upon review of the intersection of 47 Street & 49 Ave, 47 Street has become a bit of a short cut for people traveling southbound that want to avoid taking 46 Street. As such, we have seen motorist travel at fairly high speeds and with the development of the Gaetz Landing, we are expecting to see higher volumes of pedestrians along this road. The intersection at 47 St and 49 Ave is concerning as the northbound curve in the road gives the impression that northbound traffic has the right of way to turn onto 49 Avenue. We would propose to place a stop or yield sign for the southbound traffic on 47 Street along with a marked crosswalk. This would also allow us to place a centerline on 47 Street at the stopline to help keep cars approaching 49 Avenue from the north to their side of the road.

March 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed area of concern and deemed it appropriate for the installation of a yield sign.

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

Action Kyle Wilkin to install sign.

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Remove from agenda.

Background

12. Review Crosswalk Button Heights (Shawn Olson)

At council strategic planning there was concern raised about people in wheelchairs having difficulty reaching crosswalk buttons. TAC needs to discuss best practices and any locations where anyone may be aware of obstructions from wheelchair users reaching buttons.

March 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the agenda item, all the new crosswalk installations follow the standard but older areas may not.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that public services review the crosswalks within the city and change the ones that aren't accessible.

Action

Public services to assess the crosswalks along 50th Avenue, and to examine others from a wheelchair perspective when performing maintenance. Council to add these to future TAC agendas as brought up from members of the public for assessment.

Remove from agenda

Background

13. Housing For Health: Leduc Pilot Development Neighborhood Audit Findings

Housing for Health has asked TAC to review their audit findings and recommendations. Slide 15 outlines the missing sidewalk for the transit stop on Athapaskan Dr. N and Cayuga St. East, which is still important for people safely accessing transit from Telford Mews and recreational walking. Slides 20-22 outline the pedestrian crossing light times that we found were insufficient for seniors. Slides 26-28 also outline proposed changes to transit stops.

March 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the slides provided by Housing For Health. The Athapaskan Dr. N and Cayuga St. East bus stop is one of the busiest stops for on demand transit, as such the sidewalk should be extended for safety. Slides 20-22 outlining the pedestrian crossing light times were reviewed. 3-4 years ago, TAC did a review of crossing times, the crossing times are at normal TAC standards. TAC deemed it appropriate to install a walk too at the C4 crossing and to repaint the crosswalk at the C1 crossing. TAC reviewed slides 26-28 and deemed it appropriate to install a bench when we extend the sidewalk at the Athapaskan Dr. N and Cayuga St. East bus stop and to install a solar light at the 50th St. bus stop.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that the sidewalk be extended at the Athapaskan Dr. N and Cayuga St. East bus stop.

TAC recommends to Council that a walk-too be installed at the C4 crosswalk and the crosswalk lines be repainted at the C1 crosswalk.

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TAC recommends to council that a bench be installed at Athapaskan Dr. N and Cayuga St. East bus stop.

TAC recommends to council that a solar light be installed at the 50th St. bus stop.

Action Engineering extends sidewalk appropriate length to avoid queuing. (Blair Martin)
Kyle Wilkin to install walk-too at C4 for seniors and repaint crosswalk at C1.
Kyle Wilkin to install bench at Athapaskan Dr. N and Cayuga St. East bus stop.
LATS to install solar light in the 50th St. bus stop shelter.
Blair Martin to follow up with Housing for Health.

Remove from agenda.

Background **14. Request for Wheelchair Parking or Bus parking (Kevin Wenzel)**

A resident on Nootka Road has cerebral palsy with declining mobility. The resident uses LATS very frequently and is inquiring into the possibility of having a dedicated area in front of their house for pickups, so the resident does not have to walk too far.

March 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it appropriate for handicap parking in front of the residents home.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that handicap parking signs be installed from edge to edge of the resident's property.

Action Kyle Wilkin to install sign.
Kevin Wenzel to follow up with resident.

Remove from agenda.

Background **15. Installation of a 3-way stop at Windrose drive and Alton (Mayor Young)**

Mayor young brought forward a concern regarding the intersection of Windrose Drive and Alton Drive. This has previously been on TAC and was decided that no 3-way stop sign would be installed. Public services will go and asses the area to see if the street lighting is adequate. If more lights are needed the will reach out to fortis.

Decision **TAC recommends to council** that no 3- way stop sign be installed and public services to assess the area for adequate light.

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Action Public services to assess the area for adequate light, if more lights are needed, they will reach out to Fortis.

Remove from agenda.

No further items were brought forward for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

May 11, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.
City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom