

**TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 10, 2022**

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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 10, 2022 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
Mike Pieters, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning
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
Inspector McBeth, RCMP
Gerry Kelly, Deputy Fire Chief
Kiann McNeill, Director, Communications & Marketing
Sgt. Thomas Dimopoulos, RCMP

With Regrets

Brian Oliver, Fire Prevention Officer
Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation
Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant
John Prokopiw, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services
Blair Martin, Engineering Project Manager

Public
Commentary

No Public Commentary

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Olson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated

PREVIOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

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 –

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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.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that we refer these maps and data to the TMP and that communications create a campaign around high accident locations.

Action Communications to create a campaign around high accident locations.

CARRIED

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.

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.

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Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that the school speed zone time be changed when we implement the 40km/h by-law for residential speeds and that an information campaign be done in summer 2023.

Action Communications to create information campaign for summer 2023.

CARRIED

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

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that TAC review the results after the survey has concluded.

Action No further action to be take until the survey results are in.

CARRIED

Background **4. Lack of sidewalks along Grant MacEwan Blvd (Shawn Olson)**

A resident brought forward a concern regarding the lack of sidewalks along Grant MacEwan Blvd., all the way from Suntree/Windrose to Blackstone. This resident sees many people riding their bikes along the side of the road to get to and from Blackstone and fears that someone will get hurt as there is not enough room on the road for two cars and pedestrians/cyclists.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: As Blackstone continues to expand out, there is less awareness for pedestrians on where they can walk. There is currently a pathway that crosses from Blackstone to the residential area. There is a lack of awareness from residents that this path exists.

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November 10, 2022 Meeting: Communications has confirmed the map and is working on the design with a target for November 25th. Production and installation will take roughly 2-3 weeks. Communications will go out ahead of that to the schools with information for the parents on where to find the signs and the map.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that a budget item be brought forward for consideration in 2024 budget and that signs be installed, and information sent to the schools to alert pedestrians on safe path of travel.

Action Kyle Wilkin to install signs.

Communications to send out information to schools to alert pedestrians on safe path of travel.

Remove from agenda

NEW BUISNESS ITEMS

Background **5. Four-Way Stop at Kirpatrick Court & Extension of 30km/h School Zone (Kyle Van Steenoven)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding the safety of children around their neighborhood. The resident lives in Kirpatrick court, just west of west haven school. During pickup and drop off times it is insanely busy, people often even come into the resident's cul-de-sac to park and wait for their children to walk to them. The residents in the area are concerned as they see fast paced drivers and children walking in all directions. Right now all there is in this intersection are two yield signs, we all agree it needs to be a four way stop. We plead with you to consider putting a four way stop in to protect the Children in our community.

A neighboring resident also submitted a request to have a stop sign and the 30kmh school zone to be extended to the intersection where West Haven Dr and Kirpatrick Way/Kirpatrick Crt intersect. Vehicles accelerate after the 30km zoom heading west bound and must hit the brakes near 150 meters later to head back north to get out of the subdivision. Over the course of the year the resident has seen several incidents where kids from the school have been nearly hit by vehicles.

November 10, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, this area does not require a four-way stop sign or an extension of the school zone as the school zone follows the provincial guidelines.

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

Action Kyle Van Steenoven will Contact the resident and advise them of TAC's decision

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Background

6. Speed Board on Caledonia Drive (Kyle Van Steenoven)

A resident has concerns regarding speeding on Caledonia Drive. The resident would like to see speed boards installed.

November 10, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data from sign was installed October 25th. The data taken from Oct. 25th to Nov. 6th shows the average speed is 38km/h with the 85th percentile being 45km/h with a total of 11,625 vehicles.

Decision

TAC recommends to Council that we bring the speed and volume data back to the January meeting.

Action

Kyle Wilkin to bring speed and volume data back to the January meeting.

Kyle Van Steenoven to advise resident of TAC's decision

CARRIED

Background

7. Speed Volume on Alexander Drive (Shawn Olson)

Councilor Hanson had previously received complaints following the Alton Drive speed tables. As part of that project a speed sign that was installed on Alexandra drive to determine the volume now using this alternative route.

November 10, 2022 Meeting: TAC Reviewed the speed awareness data from the sign that was installed on Oct. 25th. The data taken from Oct. 25th to Nov 6th shows the average speed is 35km/h with the 85th percentile being 41km/h with a total of 3,225 vehicles.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that no speed tables be installed and that TAC bring the speed and volume data back to the January meeting.

Action

Kyle Wilkin to bring speed data back to the January meeting.

Shawn Olson will contact the resident and advise them of TAC's decision

CARRIED

Background

8. School buses turning at 48A Street to go to Junior High School (Cameron Chisholm)

A resident has spoken to the school bus drivers in Leduc, and they have mentioned, when they are turning on 48A Street from Black Gold Drive, the vehicles parked on each side of the road prevent them for turning. The resident has also observed the

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intersection and noticed that in several occasions, the school buses can't turn because there were vehicles coming on 48A Street southbound. The solution proposed could be a no parking zone (just a little bit more than the 5 m required by the law) near the intersection.

November 10, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern deemed the east side of the street appropriate for a no parking sign.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that TAC install a no parking sign on the east side of the street halfway through the lot.

Action Cameron Chisholm will contact the resident and advise them of TAC's decision.

Kyle Wilkin to install no parking signs.

Remove from agenda.

Background **9. Stop Sign at 49th Street and 53rd Ave (Kyle Van Steenoven)**

A resident on 49 Street and 53rd street has a concern regarding the yield sign and drivers not abiding to the sign. 19 months ago the resident had their truck parked on the street in front of my house and my truck was hit by a driver, my truck had the driver's side pushed in and it was hit so hard it landed on the sidewalk. I had to buy another truck to replace that one. The police were called and it was reported. The other driver never stopped at the yield sign but floored it into my truck. And again now, last night our truck was hit and the side of the truck was pushed in, the police were called, and the person that hit our truck hesitated to stop. We were in the living room and suddenly saw the driver not stop or slow down at the yield sign, just continued driving through it and then stepped on the gas and into the truck. The resident would like to request that a stop sign replace the yield sign at 53rd Avenue and 49st Street at the T inter-section. Five years ago, I had a car drive into my front yard as he was speeding so fast, and his brakes locked up and he did not yield. This was in the summer season.

November 10th, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and did not deem a stop sign necessary.

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

Action Kyle Van Steenoven will contact the resident and advise them of TAC's decision

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Background

10. Add Lights to Crosswalk at Southfork Dr & Southfork Rd (Shawn Olson)

A resident submitted a concern that there is no lights at the crosswalk on Southfork Dr and Southfork Rd. This is a VERY busy street. There is another crosswalk at Southfork Dr and Sturtz Bend for the same park and that crossing does have lights. Please can we add lights to this crosswalk? Especially with it getting darker now it's harder for drivers to see children crossing. Thank you for your consideration

November 10, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it appropriate to add flashers to the crosswalk.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council That public services add flashing lights to the crosswalk.

Action

Shawn Olson will contact the resident and advise them of TAC's decision
Kyle Wilkin to install flashing lights to cross walk.

Remove from Agenda

Background

11. No Parking Signs near Leduc Animal (Shawn Olson)

Leduc Animal Hospital would like no parking signs installed where curbs were previously painted. They are wondering what the cost would be or if the city would install signs.

November 10, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it appropriate to have no parking signs installed.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that "no parking" signs be installed

Action

Shawn Olson will contact the resident and advise them of TAC's decision.
Kyle Wilkin to install no parking signs.

Remove from Agenda

No further items were brought forward for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04p.m.

NEXT MEETING

January 12, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

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