

# TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 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

Shawn Olson, Director, Engineering

Alysha Laviolette, Recording Secretary

Blair Martin, Engineering Project Manager

Mike Pieters, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning

Kyle Wilkin, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance

Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services

Councillor Laura Tillack

Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services

Ed Barden, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services

Cristal Bole, Manager, Strategic Services

## With Regrets

Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation

Sgt. Thomas Dimopoulos, RCMP

John Prokopiw, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services

Brian Oliver, Fire Prevention Officer

Kyle van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development

Kiann McNeil, Director, Communications & Marketing Services

Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant

## Public Commentary

No Public Commentary

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following emergent items were added to the agenda.

Under New Business Items:

10. Speeding concerns on Meadowview Drive (Ed Barden)

### PREVIOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

## Background

1. Installation of Speed Tables on Awentia Drive and Deer Valley Drive (Shawn Olson)

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A resident submitted a request to have speed tables installed along Awentia Drive and possibly Deer Valley drive. The resident is seeing a constant trend of drivers that treat Awentia as a runway to take flight. The resident fears for people that attempt to cross the road to go to Co-op, Starbucks, Buster's. The resident feels it is only a matter of time before a pedestrian will be hit by a vehicle using this road as a drag strip.

Another resident submitted a similar concern. Awentia Street has about 30 children, ranging from toddlers to school-aged kids and a few teenagers. They are all really close and play a lot in our street. However, people tend to drive pretty fast at maybe 40 to 70 km/h. This has led to a few near miss situations this summer and we can see a need for sleeping police or other speed reducing precautions for the safety of these children.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and a Speed Awareness sign has recently been deployed. TAC will monitor data and revisit this item at the November meeting.

November 9, 2023 Meeting: The speed awareness data was reviewed and shows the average speed is 37km/h and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of 45km/h.

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

Action Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove from agenda.

Background **2. Speeding Concerns on 43 Ave in Southpark (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding speeding on 43 ave in Southpark. The resident had a friend house sitting, and their vehicle was struck while parked on the street. The impact of the crash resulted in her car being pushed a block and a half down the road. A neighboring resident also had their truck hit while parked on the street. 43 Ave has become a racetrack, it doesn't matter what time of day or night, vehicles are speeding through at dangerous speeds. If someone can run into a parked car, they can hit a child easily. The resident would like to request speed tables or have a police car sitting at the entrance to 44A street handing out tickets or a gate so only local traffic uses 43 Ave and place digital speed signs on the road.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will place a speed awareness sign in the area and monitor the data.

November 9, 2023 Meeting: The speed awareness data was reviewed and shows the average speed is 36km/h and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is 40km/h.

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Decision **TAC recommends to council** that no further action be taken

Action Blair to follow up with the resident.

Remove from agenda.

Background **3. Request for Warning Sign at Douglas Crescent and Caledonia Drive to Alert for Children (Kyle Van Steenoven)**

I drive Caledonia often and have seen a sign shown each time for at least a year. It is placed as shown or on the back of a pickup truck for added visibility. Obviously, the owner of the sign has safety concerns for his or other children. Despite the decrease in speed limit and a sign that shows current speed, this is a dangerous location for children. Douglas Crescent starts on the other side of the street and that there is an access point in the concrete for people to cross the road at this location. When vehicles are parked along Caledonia it is difficult to see children crossing the street at this location. It is clear that this is a dangerous situation. I would like the city to install appropriate signage at this location to reduce the risk of harm to local children. As you can see there is a streetlight in proximity that may be appropriate to add signage. I think a passive sign will just be overlooked, so I would recommend something that flashes when a motion detector senses people or something equivalent. The temporary signage used points out that this is a dangerous situation and that if the City and this committee do not act, then I see it as criminally negligent, whether the inaction is legally protected

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and there is a pararamp in the current location that does not connect anywhere across the road. Upon advising the resident of TAC's decision to move the pararamp to align with ramp on the south side of Douglas crescent and to install a cross walk with rapid flashers, the resident did not want the crosswalk moved there as it would impact parking and increase foot traffic in front of their home.

November 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, based on all the feedback we will remove the let down in the spring of 2024.

Decision **TAC recommends to council** that the let down be removed.

Action Blair Martin to follow up with resident.

Kyle Wilkin to remove let down.

Remove from agenda.

Background **4. Speed Limit Change on Section of QEII Through Leduc (Bob Young)**

TAC would like to propose that the section of the QEII highway from just south of highway 2A to after the 65<sup>th</sup> Ave ramp be turned into an 80km/h zone.

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September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, this section of the QEII has the highest number of accidents. TAC recommended to Council that a letter be written to the province to advocate for an 80km/h zone through Leduc.

November 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and the collision data brought forward. It is important that the letter comes from council, the first step would be to have a report written and presented to council with a draft letter they could send to the minister. A follow-up letter could be written by Administration if desired to add technical support if it's not covered in the council letter.

Decision **TAC recommends to council** that Communications work with Enforcement services to write the report that will be presented to council.

Action Communications to work with Enforcement services to write the report.

CARRIED

### **NEW BUISNESS ITEMS**

Background **5. Request for Accessible Parking on 50th Ave (Shawn Olson)**

The owner of Homecare Supplies on 50<sup>th</sup> Ave would like to request accessible parking in front of their store for customers.

November 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, due to limited space we are unable to add accessible parking without removing multiple additional regular parking stalls. TAC discussed overall parking concerns downtown and expressed concern with removing total parking downtown. In addition, there is accessible parking provided in other locations on 50<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Decision **TAC recommends to council** that no accessible parking be installed

Action Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove from agenda.

Background **6. Request for No Parking on Sugar Maple Lane (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a parking concern. During the winter months, when the road is narrower due to snow accumulation, they cannot back out of their driveway when cars are parked behind Spruce Boulevard. The resident stated they had all received letters from the city many years ago stating that there was to be no parking along that stretch,

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but then no signs were ever posted. The resident would like to see it changed to a no parking zone.

November 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and does not deem it appropriate to add no parking signs as there is limited parking in the area and this situation does not appear materially different than other similar locations in the area.

Decision           **TAC recommends to council** that no further action be taken

Action             Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove from agenda.

Background       **7. Request for Crosswalk Flashers at Southpark Drive Crosswalk Infront of Notre Dame School (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding the crosswalk across from Notre Dame School. Earlier this week I turned on to Southpark Dr heading east bound. There were 2 cars parked in front of #61 & #63 Southpark Dr. As I approached the crosswalk, a young child about 7-8 years old ran out from in front of these cars at full speed. Thankfully I was able to stop in time or this child would have been hurt or killed. With the vehicles parked where they were, I was unable to see the child on the sidewalk or entering the crosswalk. I know there is some crossing patrol closer to actual school hours.

That crosswalk is used lots due to the playground and hill located there. I had another incident in September when there was a function happening at the school and there were vehicles parked everywhere. A family walk out on the crosswalk from between 2 big one ton diesel pickups. I seen the head of a parent peak around the truck and was able to stop safely. If flashing lights were there, it would be much safer.

Final note. In 1997 one of my daughters' classmates was struck by a car and injured, again a vehicle was parked just before the crosswalk and this boy ran onto the crosswalk from in front of the parked vehicle and was struck. The car was heading eastbound and was unable to see this boy on the sidewalk or crosswalk due to the parked vehicles.

There are crosswalk light on Southpark Dr and 43 ave to allow kids to cross to catch school bus. The crosswalk gets used a lot more than this crosswalk. I see new crosswalk light were in stalled on 48 st by Leduc Junior high school. Please install crosswalk lights at Notre Dame School.

November 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it appropriate to install flashers.

Decision           **TAC recommends to council** that flashers be installed.

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Action Blair to follow up with the resident.  
  
Kyle Wilkin to install the flashers.  
  
Remove from agenda.

Background **8. Visibility Concerns at Black Gold Drive and Reservoir Road Intersection (Kyle Wilkin)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding the Black Gold Drive and Reservoir Road intersection. The residents concern with this intersection is in regards to the visibility of the westbound traffic when on Reservoir Road waiting to turn left onto Black Gold Drive. The resident mentioned that there was recently a serious t-bone collision at this location a week or two ago and that he has had several close calls with westbound vehicles traveling well above the speed limit that he has been unable to see until the last second. The resident would like to have some type of indicator light installed that indicates whether a vehicle is approaching.

November 9, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and does not deem it appropriate to install any type of indicator.

Decision **TAC recommends to council** that no further action be taken

Action Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.  
  
Remove from agenda.

Background **9. Proposed 2024 Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting Dates**

It is suggested that the Traffic Advisory Committee adopt the following 2024 meeting dates:

- Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Decision **TAC recommends to council** that the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting be changed to September 19<sup>th</sup>. All other meeting dates are recommended to be approved.

Action Alysha Laviolette will circulate the meeting invitations for these dates.  
  
Remove from agenda.

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Background

**10. Speeding Concerns on Meadowview Drive (Ed Barden)**

Residents have submitted concerns regarding speeding on Meadowview Drive. Enforcement services have been actively monitoring the area and ticketing speeders. The installation of Speed Awareness signs would help to alert drivers to how fast they are going and discourage them from speeding.

Decision

**TAC recommends to council** that a speed awareness sign be deployed.

Action

Kyle Wilkin to deploy sign.

CARRIED

No further items were brought forward for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

February 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom