

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 10, 2020

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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held September 10, 2020 in the City of Leduc, GoToMeeting.

Attendance	<u>Those in attendance:</u> Mayor Bob Young Councillor Laura Tillack Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services Shawn Olson, Director, Engineering 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 Sgt. Shane Himmelman, RCMP Shirley Weslosky, Recording Secretary
With Regrets	Gerry Lang, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance Cst. Geoff Harnum
Public Commentary	Pat Cowan and Kerrie Light, Leduc Resident – Agenda Item #10, attending meeting at 1:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Olson called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions to the agenda

11. Traffic going to the Leduc Golf Course.

Items Carried Forward From Previous Meeting

Background	<p>1. Resident has concerns on 48 Street, directly east of the Hospital Emergency Department in Leduc. During business hours daily this street is completely lined with vehicles on both sides which tends to narrow the actual area for driving. People are constantly parking on my side of the street and then walking across to the hospital; staff and often older people or people with children. During the day, 48th Street is often used as a short cut for people going to and from work so as to avoid the school zone on Black Gold plus there are a lot of vehicles that certainly aren't doing the speed limit. I am constantly seeing vehicles speeding through here and it is a matter of time before there is a tragedy. At the north end of 48 Street, kids from the Junior High School jay-walk to MacDonalds, often not paying attention as they are on their phones or horsing around with their friends. (Kyle Van Steenoven)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Resident is requesting speed bumps directly in front of hospital ramps, depending on how it would work with the ambulance they would also like to see them at the north end of 48 Street by Black Gold Drive and in front of MacDonalds.b) They would like the city hospital to put up large signs that inform people of the parking lot on the south end of the hospital as well as that there is a parkade under the hospital.
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Decision **June 25 meeting - TAC recommend to Council** – TAC were all in agreement to not have speed tables placed on 48 Street as this is primary access to the hospital for ambulances. TAC would like to see speed awareness signs placed on 48 Street to monitor traffic and speed going south bound. TAC would like to see parking monitored by Enforcement.

September 10 meeting - TAC recommend to Council – The data on the speed awareness signs was reviewed and indicates there is no speeding in this area.

Action **Kyle Van Steenoven** will call the resident back and let him know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **2.** Exorbitant vehicle noise in the areas around the hospital including the Black Gold Drive and 50th street intersection. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **June 25 meeting - TAC recommend to Council** – A Bylaw Traffic Amendment will be looked at in the fall. Administration will look at changing the traffic bylaw to 92 decibels for motorcycles. This is what Edmonton has set since 2010. Transport Canada sets limits for production vehicles.

Action **September 10 meeting** – There is no more to add to this item as it is being looked at by administration.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **3.** Snow clearing in Leduc (Rick Sereda)

Decision **June 25 meeting - TAC recommend to Council** – to look into a bylaw that prohibits parking in the subdivisions during snow removal. One option would be to have no parking signs that specifies the day and time. If resident does not remove their vehicle, then the city will tow the vehicle. Another option is to have CPO's call the residents that are parked in the way to have them move their vehicles. The City of Leduc has done this in the past and not all vehicles get moved when called. Having a bylaw and moving vehicles would save the snow clearing team time and less damage to vehicles.

Action **September 10 meeting TAC recommend to Council** - This will be presented at a future Council meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **4.** Speed reduction strategy (Shawn Olson)

Decision **June 25 meeting - TAC recommend to Council** – to have a pilot project to reduce speeds in residential areas to 40km. TAC would like to have a pilot project in one area of Leduc to see if lowering the speed helps.

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Action **September 10 meeting** - This will be going to CoW on September 21, 2020. This item will be in camera recommending one area in Leduc for the speed reduction pilot project.

CARRIED

Bring item back to the next meeting for progress/follow up

New Items

Background **5.** We are located close to Notre Dame School and adjoining playground and during the 38 years at our residence have witnessed numerous near misses, speeding infractions, and accidents.
Some years ago I even made a presentation to the Committee in an effort to have the speed reduced to 30 km/h similar to the speed reduction in the Willow Park neighborhood. I encountered very little support for this suggestion as SPD was considered to be a “collector” and as such should have a speed limit of 50 km/h.
I now contact you to once again either consider a speed reduction or the installation of speed tables to lessen the considerable increase in traffic volume and speed being witnessed particularly between the hours of 06:30 to 08:00 and 16:00 to 17:30.
I have solicited the help of Rick Sereda on a number of occasions regarding the installation of speed indicators and one exists at the present time which could provide information regarding traffic volume and speed in the West/East direction over the past few months.
As the article implies the speed tables on Alton Drive are installed to encourage vehicles to use Grant MacEwan Blvd and Range Road 253 as an alternate route. I would suggest the installation of such speed tables between Rollyview Road and South Park Drive on 42nd Street would also encourage traffic to use Black Gold Drive which as a four lane road would be better suited for the speed and volume of traffic in this area. (Shawn Olson)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – This item is for awareness in this area as there are other residential areas looking for speed bumps as well. The speed awareness sign has been posted here for over a year and the data from the speed awareness sign shows there is no speeding issues on this street.

Action **Shawn Olson** will call the resident back and let him know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **6.** Resident wanted to raise the following concerns: (Michael Stadnyk)

- Southfork Drive at Southwick Street and Southwick Bouelvard has a crosswalk however it is extremely hard to see kids crossing in the area. Resident mentioned there are a lot of vehicles parking near the intersection which makes visibility a concern. She wanted to request either flashing lights installed for the crosswalk or increased no parking signs in the area around the intersection. She almost hit a child at this location and is concerned for the safety of the children.
- I mentioned this item has come to TAC before and I believe TAC decided to put flashing lights at Southfork Drive and Sheppard Boulevard instead due to children more likely using that crosswalk to go to school. The resident did want to raise the point that the crosswalk at Southfork Drive at Southwick Street and Southwick has a park on the east and west sides of Southfork Drive and it is used a lot during the summer months.

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- CPO's again got a complaint about two vehicles parked along Southfork Drive and Southwick Boulevard. They are both far from the crosswalk however, the CPO watched a little girl on a bike almost getting hit by a car this afternoon. Also, coming from Southwick boulevard, you really have to creep right into the road to see if a car is coming on your left. This is not safe for motorist and for pedestrians crossing at the crosswalk. The trailer is really causing a sight-line issue. I don't know if we want to consider making that area a "no parking" zone. If the huge trailer was not there it probably wouldn't be an issue.

Decision The request is that the resident would like flashers at Southwick Street and Southwick Boulevard.

TAC recommend to Council – Solar power lights be placed at Southwick Street and Southwick Boulevard where they meet Southfork Drive.

Action **Rick Sereda** will have Public Services place solar power lights at the intersection of Southfork Drive and Southwick Boulevard/Street.

Michael Stadnyk will call the resident and let her know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **7.** There is a speed concern on Keystone Crescent. The resident would like more Officer patrolling or stationary in the area if possible. Tons of kids playing and people are driving over 60km/hr. Resident also mentioned that there are not any posted speed limit signs beside the 30km/hr zone. I explained that if it is not posted then the speed for residential is 50km/hr. Resident believes that it is not an appropriate speed for the area. (Cameron Chisholm)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – This falls in line with reducing speeds in residential areas.

Action **Cameron Chisholm** will call the resident and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **8.** Resident who lives on Athapaskan Drive called this afternoon to request no parking signs at the corner of his property. He lives on a corner lot and explained that the corner of Athapaskan Drive and Haida Avenue is a busy corner where vehicles are often parked. When vehicles are parked here it creates a blind spot where it is very difficult to see oncoming traffic when turning from Haida Avenue onto Athapaskan Drive. Resident further mentioned that there is currently an electronic speed sign placed in this location and he often sees it flashing at 70 km/hr, so traffic speed adds to his concern. He is concerned that with the high school and high traffic in this area, it is a matter of time until there is an accident here. Resident is suggesting that the City place a no parking sign beside the fire hydrant on his property, so vehicles cannot park at the corner. (Kyle Van Steenoven)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – TAC reviewed the data on Athapaskan Drive and the data shows that there is no speeding along this road. TAC were in agreement that the corner of his property does not warrant no parking signs.

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Action **Kyle Van Steenoven** – Will call the resident back and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **9.** Sturtz Link I believe presents a safety issue with vehicles parking on the curve of the road. As you will see in the attachment there is no provision of parking on the north side due to the close alignment of the homes and driveways, but from time to time there are vehicles parked there. The real issue is on the south side where a number of vehicles will park from the end of the driveway of the home at the beginning of the curve to the driveway of the next duplex which impedes the sight line for the safety of children in the area, visibility of oncoming traffic and safely exiting the driveway. (Cameron Chisholm)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** – Shawn Olson and Cameron Chisholm will have a look at this road to see if the corner has a blind spot and decide in the field what mitigations may be required.

Action **Cameron Chisholm** will call the resident back and let him know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off Agenda

Background **10.** I am requesting on behalf of myself and neighbours on Bonin Place approval to install crime prevention signs on 4 Fortis Light poles. We did jump the gun not knowing about your committee and have already placed the signs. The program is not new to the area and is used by large corporations primarily for internal theft prevention. This also includes the City of Leduc Operations Center which has the same signs and several locations through Nisku.

In the past we have also done a project with EPS in Edmonton that follows a similar approach. As some of you may be aware we had a suspect going through vehicles in Bridgeport and Lakeside estates a few weeks ago and finished the night off by starting a Ford F150 on fire which almost burned down the house adjacent as well putting several people in serious risk of being hurt and their homes destroyed.

We had a meeting and as a group decided to work together to develop a program for our street and potentially Lakeside Estates from Alton Drive to Black Gold Drive. We would like to run this as a pilot project to see what results we have over several months. For now, we have started on our street.

All of the materials and signs were already available and are donated for the purpose of trying to stop some of the issues we have been having. As we are on the walk path system we feel that we are particularly vulnerable to random crime due to the foot traffic on the street. We have seen a regular number of suspects checking vehicle doors as they walk through and we want to discourage this. Our approach is to increase visibility of the program on the street in addition to better communication with the group. (Recognizing that any crime be reported to the RCMP first) The specifics of exactly what we will be doing is not confirmed yet but will be communicated with all parties as we take steps.

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Our initial step is the signs followed up with better lighting on the street and use of video cameras installed by various property owners so that if we have an issue in the future we may be better equipped to provide video footage that assists in identifying the suspect(s).
(Cameron Chisholm)

Decision **TAC recommend to Council –** TAC were all in favour of a community watch program. TAC would like to see city signs such as neighbourhood watch or crime stopper signs with a phone number on them. The City of Leduc cannot promote one company vs another for signage. This community watch program would have to meet some certain criteria, such as having groups of residents in a neighborhood all in agreement to the community watch program and having signs posted, or have a certain number of residents interested in the program in their area. TAC were in agreement that the signs that were placed in Bonin Place can stay up until the RCMP and Public Services have discussed the program and have city signs to post. When city signs are available the signs at Bonin Place will have to be removed, this is so all city signs are consistent.

Action **Cameron Chisholm** will call the resident back and let them know the outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Background **11.** Traffic going to the Leduc Golf Course from HWY 39.

Decision **TAC recommend to Council** to have a wayfinding sign from Grant MacEwan to Black Gold Drive to the golf course. This will help with the traffic not using Alton Drive to get to the Golf Course.

Action **Rick Sereda** – Public Services will work with Engineering to enhance the signage and have the traffic rerouted through Grant MacEwan to Black Gold Drive.

CARRIED

Take off agenda

Information item

Any Other Items

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 pm

Next Meeting

November 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. – GoToMeeting