

**TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
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**Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 19, 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  
Kyle van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development  
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  
Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant  
Kiann McNeil, Director, Communications & Marketing 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  
Gerry Kelly, Deputy Fire Chief  
Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services  
Ed Barden, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services

Public  
Commentary

Russ Luke will be attending the meeting at 1:00pm in regards to agenda items #1 and #2.

Valerie Noonan will be attending the meeting at 1:30pm in regards to agenda item #3.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS ITEMS**

**NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

Background

1. **Request for More Active Presence of CPO's in the City (Shawn Olson)**

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There is a need for a higher presence and visibility of CPO's within the City. Especially on major throughfares and near construction. Drivers are driving erratically, running red lights, cutting other drivers off and speeding.

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Decision           **TAC recommends to Council that** public services provide the speed awareness data to enforcement services.

Action             Kyle Wilkin to provide the Speed Awareness Data to Enforcement Services

Enforcement services to monitor areas.

Remove from Agenda.

Background       **2. Request for Flashers at New Willow Park Crosswalk (Shawn Olson)**

A new crosswalk was installed at the entrance to Willow Park Estates off of 57th Ave. We would like to request crosswalk flashers as drivers are not stopping and letting people cross and there have a been a few near misses.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC Reviewed area of concern and reconstruction is planned for willow park next year.

Decision           **TAC recommends to Council that** rapid crosswalk flashers be installed during 2024 Willow Park reconstruction project.

Action             Engineering to include the installation of rapid flashers in their Willow Park reconstruction project next year.

Remove from Agenda.

Background       **3. Reopening of The 44<sup>th</sup> Street Gate (Shawn Olson)**

A resident would like to attend the next Traffic advisory Council Meeting to express their concerns regarding the re-opening of the 44<sup>th</sup> street barricade. Several neighbors and I are worried about the safety of our children and the increased number of larger vehicles, truck trailers, as well as the late night drag racing that has occurred on the back roads in the past.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and the Speed Awareness Sign Data, the average speed is 28 km/h and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile is 38km/h. In the month of June 44<sup>th</sup> Street saw 7900 vehicles, July saw 8430 vehicles and August

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saw 5700. The number of vehicles is within the capacity of a local street as per TAC standards. The installation of the gate was originally considered due to concerns with large vehicles using the street to access the organics yard.

Decision      **TAC recommends to Council that** the organics yard be moved from south Telford and reassess the area after the organics yard is moved next summer.

Action        Public Services to move the organics yard.

Remove from Agenda.

Background      **4. Request for Accessible Parking on Southfork Drive (Blair Martin)**

A resident would like to request accessible parking in front of their home on Southfork Drive. Residents from the “Rushes of Southfork” townhomes do not have adequate parking for their vehicles which is causing them to park on the street by the residents’ home. The resident has an accessible parking permit in their vehicle.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and does not deem it appropriate for accessible parking as resident has rear access to their home.

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

Action        Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove from agenda

Background      **5. Concern Over crosswalk at Windrose Dr and Walters PI (Shawn Olson)**

Two residents have submitted a concern regarding the intersection at Windrose Dr and Walters PI. With this intersection being straight through traffic most are speeding and don’t pay any attention to that crosswalk. The kids use that crosswalk to go back and forth to school. The resident has also witnessed a couple out walking their dog the other day almost get hit by a truck that was not paying any attention. We need either a light there or speed bumps on the straight through road. Could you please check into that intersection.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it appropriate to install rapid flasher at the crosswalk.

Decision      **TAC recommends to Council that** rapid flashers be installed on west side of the intersection.

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- Action Kyle Wilkin to install rapid flashers.
- Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.
- Remove from Agenda.
- Background **6. 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.
- September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, this section of the QEII has the highest number of accidents.
- Decision **TAC recommends to Council that** a letter be written to the province to advocate for an 80km/h zone through Leduc.
- Action Rick Sereda to compile the stats.
- Communications to connect with Crystal on writing the letter.
- Remove from Agenda.
- Background **7. Speeding Concerns on 45<sup>th</sup> Ave near Simpson Park (Shawn Olson)**
- A resident has concerns regarding speeding on 45th Ave near Simpson Park. The resident is worried about the many kids that play at the playground and would like to see reduced playground speed limit signs installed.
- September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and public services will conduct a playground assessment and place speed awareness signs
- Decision **TAC recommends to Council that** speed awareness signs be put up and a playground assessment be completed.
- Action Kyle Wilkin to install speed awareness signs and conduct playground assessment.
- Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.
- Remove from Agenda.
- Background **8. Cyclist Education Campaign (Shawn Olson)**

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TAC would like to look at doing more education for cyclists in the spring to remind them to cross crosswalks carefully and to be aware of their surroundings.

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Decision           **TAC recommends to Council that** Enforcement services add cyclist education to their multiway safety use campaign.

Action             Enforcement services to work with communications to add cyclist safety to their education campaign.

Remove from agenda.

Background       **9. Installation of Speed Tables on Awentia Drive and Deer Valley Drive (Shawn Olson)**

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.

Decision           **TAC recommends to Council that** the speed awareness date be brought forward at the November meeting.

Action             Kyle Wilkin to bring speed awareness data to the November meeting.

Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Carried.

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Background

**10. Parking Along 43 Street South of 65 Avenue (Kyle Wilkin)**

The property at 6303 43 St has recently begun using their facility for modular construction and as a result have an increased amount of contractors that have begun parking along the ditch of 43 Street. We do not currently permit parking along rural gravel roads. 43 Street south of the access to 6303 43 St still follows a rural gravel cross-section. The parking in this area will cause conflicts with snow removal operations throughout the winter.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, under the Traffic Safety Act we do not allow parking on these types of roads.

Decision

**TAC recommends to Council** that public services reach out to the business and advise them of the Traffic Safety Act and ask them to provide alternate parking for their employees.

Action

Kyle Wilkin to contact the business owner.

Remove from Agenda.

Background

**11. Utilize The Strategic Safe Communities Fund to Upgrade The School Zone Flashers Throughout the Community (Kyle Wilkin)**

With the change to all-day school zone times, we have had a solar generation/power consumption report done on our existing school zone flashers. The report has indicated that the existing batteries and solar panels will be insufficient, particularly through the winter, to maintain a consistent level of charge. Additionally, a need to add communication to the school zone flashers and RRFP crosswalks has been identified to allow for active alerts of loss of power. Public Services is seeking the support of TAC to utilize the Strategic Safe Communities fund to upgrade the school zone flashers throughout the community.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: This item has been brought to our attention with the changes to our speed bylaw and to our school zone times. Based on the solar generation and the power usage of our current rapid flashers, we will not be able to maintain the power usage in the winter months and would have to increase our solar panels.

Decision

**TAC recommends to Council that** TAC use the strategic Safe Communities fund to upgrade the existing school zone flashers.

Action

Kyle Wilkin to upgrade the existing school zone flashers.

Remove from Agenda.

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**12. No Parking on West Side of 48 Street (Kyle Van Steenoven)**

A resident would like to request no parking on the west side of 48 Street from Black Gold Drive to 43A Avenue.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it appropriate to install no parking signs on the west side of the road

Decision

**TAC recommends to Council that** no parking signs be installed on the west side of 48th Street, from just south of the commercial entrance to Black Gold Drive.

Action

Kyle Wilkin to install no parking signs.

Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove from Agenda.

Background

**13. Reduction of Speed Limit on 74<sup>th</sup> Street (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding the speed limit on 74th street. They would like to see it reduced from 70km/h to 60 km/h. The resident has noticed people use this road as a detour when the highway is backed up and commonly speed down it.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area and does not feel it necessary to reduce the speed on 74<sup>th</sup> Street.

Decision

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

Action

Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove from Agenda.

Background

**14. Request for a Crosswalk on Grant MacEwan Blvd (Kyle Van Steenoven)**

A resident submitted a request for a crosswalk to be installed on Grant MacEwan Blvd that crosses from the Deer Valley Gardens to connect to Shores Drive. The resident is concerned for the kids who have to walk to bus stops on Shores Dr from the Ravine Villas and the Apartment complex. The crosswalks that are on Grant MacEwan already are a far walk, especially in the winter for the kids.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and proposes that a crosswalk with rapid flashers be installed and the multiway be extended to connect to Shores drive as part of the multiway project in 2025.

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Decision      **TAC recommends to Council that** a crosswalk with rapid flashers be installed and the multiway be extended to connect to Shores drive as part of the multiway budget in 2025.

Action        Engineering to include the crosswalk and multiway extension in the 2025 multiway budget.

Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove from Agenda.

Background      **15. Parking Issues on West Haven Drive (Cameron Chisholm)**

A resident regarding parking issues on West Haven Drive. This item has previously been on TAC. School started this week and the parking issues on the north side have begun again. Parents park their vehicle and then exit it to go to the school. They wait for students and then walk back. The timings can be 10 to 20 minutes, these times are longer if there is an after-school event. The new challenge will be the loss of parking on the south side due to the construction of new homes and the presence of vehicles for contractors and workers. A suggestion was made to use the Vermac sign (educate the parents not to park on southside of West Haven near or in front of driveways, Late last year, a Vermac sign was installed for a couple of weeks. Is the City of Leduc going to install the Vermac sign during the first two weeks of September to educate parents, especially the parents of new students, about the bylaw? I do not want to flood Bylaw Enforcement with parking complaints. I hope the education and 'occasional' patrol during the highest offending times (noon break from school and end of school day) help.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and Vermac signs have been deployed in the area, to stay up until the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October. This area is part of the school zone enforcement area and enforcement is aware and is actively monitoring.

Decision      **TAC recommends to Council that** Enforcement services keep monitoring the area.

Action        Enforcement services continue to monitor the area.

Michael Stadnyk to follow up with the resident.

Remove from Agenda.

Background      **16. Request for Crosswalk Flasher on Blackstone Blvd (Kyle Van Steenoven)**

A resident submitted a request for the installation of crosswalk flashers on Blackstone Blvd near Berg Loop. The resident is concerned with the number of kids in the area

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trying to cross the road from the bus stops. Vehicles don't always stop for them, and they fear someone will get hurt.

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Decision      **TAC recommends to Council** that the rapid flashers be installed.

Action        Kyle Wilkin to install rapid flashers.

Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove from Agenda.

Background

**17. Remove No Overnight Parking Infront of Brightpath Child Care Center (Shawn Olson)**

The Director at BrightPath Leduc Child Care Centre submitted a concern regarding an increase in crime recently in the area. They have had multiple parents and staff express safety concerns. Our bus was broken into, and we had someone living it. There is a RCMP file regarding this. Our License plate was also stolen off one of our busses. There is an RCMP file for this as well. Our busses are currently being parked at OK tire which is down and across the street. I have staff members who need to walk in the dark by themselves over to the dark parking lot to pick them up as there is no over night parking in front of our building or in the community parking lot that is lit up and safer. I have staff members at our Centre at 6am and 6pm and now that our days are getting shorter it is dark or will be dark on both ends. My staff do not feel safe walking to the busses to get the busses. We are requesting the possibility of removing the no overnight parking sign in front of our building so that we can park our busses and have them close to the center in a lit-up area. Or is it possible for BrightPath Leduc to be given an exemption to park in this space even though no parking signs are present.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, the overnight no parking signs are in place to help support City snow removal which happens at night.

Decision      **TAC recommends to Council that** the alley behind the building be cleared to allow Brightpath Child Care to use it for bus parking.

Action        Public services to clear out the alley.

Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Remove from Agenda.

Background

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

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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.

Decision            **TAC recommends to Council that** a Speed Awareness sign be deployed and the data be brought forward at the November meeting.

Action              Kyle Wilkin to bring forward the speed awareness data at the November meeting.

Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Carried.

Background        **19. 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

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Decision      **TAC recommends to Council that** the pararamp be moved 6 meters south from its current position to align with ramp on the south side of Douglas crescent, and a cross walk with rapid flasher be installed.

Action        Blair Martin to follow up with the resident.

Carried.

Background    **20. Request for Overhead Flashers at 50th Ave and 51st Street crosswalk (Kyle Wilkin)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding the crosswalk at 50 Ave and 51 street by the Burger Baron. It seems like every other time I press the pedestrian light button, drivers do not pay attention to the lights or ignore them completely. I have seen so many people just keep on speeding through the crosswalk with the lights flashing and 3/4 of the lanes stopped. It is illegal not to stop for pedestrians, however there may be because of poor visibility of the crosswalk. I am writing because this is the second time in a week I or someone else have almost been hit by a vehicle. Today, almost the same thing happened -- I didn't cross because this vehicle was not slowing down at all. Again 3/4 lanes stopped, and the van just flew through on the middle lane going east. The pedestrian crossing sign is okay on the north side sign by the Burger Baron. However, across the street there is a tree that is right beside the south side sign, mostly obstructing the view towards east on 50 ave. Also, the sign may be too close to the building to be clearly seen when turning left. A busy road needs more obvious signage.

- installing overhead flashing signage like outside the cinema
- chopping down or drastically trimming the tree in line of sight of the sign
- installing traffic camera
- installing a bigger light bar or pedestrian controlled stop light

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and this is the only crosswalk on that stretch of road that is not signalized with lights. TAC would like to include this intersection in the transportation master plan, to model it and see what modifications could help.

Decision      **TAC recommends to Council that** this intersection be included in the Transportation Master Plan.

Action        Engineering to include this crosswalk in the Transportation Master Plan.

Kyle Wilkin to follow up with the resident.

Remove from Agenda.

Background    **21. Request for No Parking Infront of Avondale Place (Rick Sereda)**

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A resident submitted a concern regarding several vehicles on the street parking parked flush with the entrance to Avondale Place. This is especially a concern when the vehicle is a large pickup truck, as visibility is VERY limited when residents are trying to access South Park Drive. One has to basically turn at a 90-degree angle to turn left, and with traffic quickly coming from the south, this spot is an 'accident waiting to happen'. In fact, one of our residents has already been hit at this exit, resulting in having to replace their vehicle. I did alert the Bylaw Department earlier this summer, and they followed up after. If there is a way to paint a 'no park' limit on the curb, that would be great.

September 19, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it appropriate to install no parking sign 5 meters south and north side of entrance and paint the curbs.

Decision            **TAC recommends to Council that** no parking signs be installed 5 meters north and south of the entrance to Avondale place and the curbs be painted.

Action              Kyle Wilkin to install no parking signs and paint the curbs.

Rick Sereda to follow up with the resident.

Remove from Agenda.

Background            **22. Request for Accessible Parking Signs on 46 Ave (Kyle Wilkin)**

A resident submitted a request for accessible parking signs in front of their house. The resident's mother, who currently lives with them, has been diagnosed with MS and has a spinal injury that has limited her to walk for limited durations only. They park at the front of their house as there is no steps in order for them to enter the home. Lately they have been having issues with their neighbours parking in front of their house, leaving this resident and their mother to have to park up the street and utilize a wheelchair.

September 19, 2023 Meeting TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it appropriate to install accessible parking signs, as the residents house has been modified to allow access.

Decision            **TAC recommends to Council that** accessible parking signs be installed in front of the resident's house.

Action              Kyle Wilkin to install accessible parking signs.

Kyle Wilkin to follow up with the resident.

Remove from Agenda.

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No further items were brought forward for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

November 9, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.  
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