

**TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**September 29, 2022**

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**Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 29, 2022 in the City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom, as well as virtually via Zoom.**

**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  
Blair Martin, Engineering Project Manager  
Alysha Laviolette, Recording Secretary  
Inspector McBeth, RCMP  
Brian Oliver, Fire Prevention Officer  
Gerry Kelly, Deputy Fire Chief  
Kiann McNeill

**With Regrets**

Gerry Kelly, Deputy Fire Chief  
Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation  
Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant  
John Prokopiw, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services  
Sgt. Thomas Dimopoulos, RCMP  
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**Public  
Commentary**

No Public Commentary

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as circulated

**RCMP Presentation on Fatal and Non-Fatal Injuries Report (1:00 PM)**

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 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The data from January to

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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.

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 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Decision           **TAC recommends to Council** to review the collision maps and data provided by Inspector McBeth and discuss at next TAC meeting.

Action              TAC members to review collision maps and data in advance of the next TAC meeting.

**CARRIED.** *Bring back to the next meeting.*

*Inspector McBeth left the meeting at 1:20PM.*

**NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

Background           **1. Neighbourhood 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.

Decision           **TAC recommends to Council** that Engineering bring a proposed Speed Bylaw map of 40 km/hour zones forward to the November meeting. Kiann McNeill will come back in November with a communication strategy. The map may be similar to the Leduc construction map on Leduc.ca, showing traffic data.

Action              **Kiann McNeill** to bring back a communication strategy to the November meeting.

**Shawn Olson** will take this to Council in 2023, once TAC approves everything in November.

**CARRIED.** *Bring back to the next meeting.*

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Background

**2. Bella Coola Drive – Speed Concerns (Shawn Olson)**

A resident living on Bella Coola Drive across from the Campbell Park Playground has concerns that there are no speed signs or speed traps to control speed limits on Bella Coola Drive. This is a long straight road where cars speed up and sometimes reach excessive speeds passing the playground. We need to regulate the speeds and give tickets to slow people down. The resident fears someone will get hurt.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern; speed awareness signs were previously installed in 2018 and 2022. The speed awareness data brought forward to TAC from the 2022 report showed the average speed was 33km/hour in the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile.

Decision

**TAC recommends to Council** that Public Services install a speed awareness sign permanently and continue monitoring speeds in the area.

Action

**Public Services** to install a speed awareness sign.

**Blair Martin** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision.

**CARRIED.** Remove from agenda.

Background

**3. Discovery Way – Turning Visibility Concern (Shawn Olson)**

A resident brought a concern regarding a hazard noticed at Leduc Common. If you are leaving Original Joes and go to pull out on Discovery Way you can't see the traffic coming as the bushes are too high. The resident almost got in a collision here and has witnessed a few other incidents as well. The resident stated it's nice to have plants but possibly something that doesn't grow so high.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: The vegetation on the North end of Discovery Way is different than the vegetation on the South end of the road. The bushes to the North have grown large and have made it more challenging to see. Public Services will go to the location to complete a sightline check.

Decision

**TAC recommends to Council** that the bushes are trimmed down.

Action

**Rick Sereda** to have the bushes trimmed.

**Shawn Olson** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision.

**CARRIED.** Remove from agenda.

Background

**4. Petition to reopen 44<sup>th</sup> Street (Shawn Olson)**

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A resident has started a petition to remove the barrier that allows access from 44<sup>th</sup> 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.

Decision      **TAC recommends to Council** that Administration is directed to determine the level of perceived safety the residents have with the traffic calming.

Action        **Shawn Olson** will bring a Council report forward on October 24, 2022 to request a decision on surveying impacted residents.

**CARRIED.** *Bring back to the next meeting.*

Background      **5. North Telford sightline issue (Shawn Olson)**

A resident called in to report a potential sightline issue in North Telford. There are private hedges on the two corners near the North and South entrances of the resident's alley. The hedges are currently not interfering with the sidewalk or laneway, but the resident is concerned an incident may happen to someone in the future.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: The hedges in this location are privately owned and don't encroach on City property.

Decision      **TAC recommends to Council** that no action be taken as there is visibility once you exit from the alley.

Action        **Kyle Wilkin** will advise Terry Yez to contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision.

**CARRIED.** *Remove from agenda.*

Background      **6. 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.

Decision      **TAC recommends to Council** that we add signage to indicate the safest travelling path and circulate maps of that path to the nearby schools to aid in disseminating that

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information to children in the community. Administration will work on budget to extend multiway in 2024.

Action            **Shawn Olson** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision.

**Kiann McNeill** to develop signage for the pedestrian walkway.

**CARRIED.** *Bring back to next meeting to review proposed signage.*

Background            **7. Speed tables on Athapaskan Drive (Shawn Olson)**

A resident would like to request speed tables be installed along Athapaskan Drive. There are many vehicles that turn onto Athapaskan Drive and like to accelerate. Although they likely do not reach 50 km/hour, they are too fast for the vehicles parked on the street and the children playing. The resident also suggested a reduced speed limit of 35-35 km/hour.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: The speed awareness data was reviewed and showed an average speed of 25 km/hour as the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile.

Decision            **TAC recommends to Council** that the resident is followed up with to let them know the speed data. This information also supports the decision to move the City to 40 km/hour.

Action            **Blair Martin** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision.

**CARRIED.** *Remove from agenda.*

Background            **8. Controlled Turning Light at Hwy 39 and West Haven Blvd (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding the intersection of Hwy 39 and West Haven Blvd. They have witnessed several near misses at this intersection and feel that a controlled turning light should be installed.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: There are many projects happening in this area so Engineering will need to look at this corridor as a whole, as part of next years Transportation Master Plan (TMP).

Decision            **TAC recommends to Council** that Highway 39 be added to next year's TMP.

Action            **Blair Martin** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision.

**CARRIED.** *Remove from agenda.*

Background            **9. Speed tables installed on Corinthia Drive (Shawn Olson)**

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A resident called in and expressed a concern regarding Corinthia Drive and how drivers speed down the road and use it as a speedway. The resident would like to see speed tables installed.

September 29 Meeting: The speed awareness data was reviewed. The data indicated an average speed of 41 km/hour and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile being 49 km/hour. There is already an active speed sign on the road. This road will be changing to 40 km/hour with the new Speed Bylaw.

Decision           **TAC recommends to Council** that this road is proposed to be changing with the new 40 km/hour Speed Bylaw.

Action             **Blair Martin** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision.

**CARRIED.** *Remove from agenda.*

Background       **10. Excessive speed on Haida Ave (Shawn Olson)**

A resident is concerned that a child will get hit by a vehicle if nothing is done about the traffic and speed on their street and in their alley ways. Many of the residents in this area are tired of the people that race up and down our street and alley ways. The last time we asked for something to be done the City put up the speed indicator, which caused everyone to slow down until they got out of site of the radar; after it was removed everything went back to the way it was. We have more young families moving back on our street with little kids who walk to the school behind us, and nobody looks for the kids or vehicles. The resident is also hoping that the City could put up another No Parking sign in the alley as someone took the last one down. We do not need another speed indicator, since our area backs onto the school playground and City park, the speeds should be the same in the alley and street (30 km/hour).

September 29, 2022 Meeting: The speed awareness data was reviewed and the average speed is 14 km/hour with an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of 21 km/hour. The back alley in this area is currently a 20 km/hour zone. This street is proposed to be changing with the 40 km/hour Speed Bylaw. No parking signs have been put back up.

Decision           **TAC recommends to Council** that the resident is made aware of this information.

Action             **Blair Martin** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision.

**CARRIED.** *Remove from agenda.*

Background       **11. Crosswalk Flashing Light Request – Leduc Community Living Association (Cameron Chisholm)**

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The Leduc Community Living Association (LCLA) has requested that flashing lights be installed at the crosswalk in front of their premise. There is an existing crosswalk (which is partially worn out) that spans across 51 Avenue at the t-intersection with 49 Street.

The LCLA advised both Councillor Beckett and Cameron that there are many vehicles using the roadway and some drivers don't recognize/see the crosswalk. They regularly have staff go outside to assist clients crossing the street at the crosswalk due to the concerns they have about crosswalk safety (many of their clients have personal developmental disabilities). When the bus parks in front of their building and drops off/picks up clients, the right-hand side crosswalk sign is obscured by the bus for West bound traffic and raises a risk at the crosswalk. In addition, on street parking further blocks pedestrian visibility. The LCLA feels that the addition of crosswalk flashing lights would enhance safety at the crosswalk.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: This area has been reviewed and it has been deemed appropriate to have flashing crosswalks installed at both crosswalks.

Decision           **TAC recommends to Council** that flashing lights be installed at both crosswalks.

Action             **Cameron Chisholm** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision.

**CARRIED.** *Remove from agenda*

Background           **12. Crosswalk Flashing lights on all crosswalks on 50th Avenue (Kyle Van Steenoven)**

A resident submitted a concern over vehicles not stopping at the pedestrian crosswalks on Main Street Leduc. As a citizen who enjoys going for evening walks, they have come to notice that when walking around down Main Street (50<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and they approach one of the crosswalks and see a car, the driver will always keep driving and not allow the resident to cross. The resident would appreciate if TAC could consider putting up crossing lights at all the crosswalks on 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The resident would recommend the overhead crossing lights since they have had this happen multiple times, as well as almost being struck by vehicles while in the middle of crossing the road because the signs with the little LED bar light on the top doesn't seem to alert vehicles of crossing pedestrians

September 29, 2022 Meeting: TAC discussed the area of concern and it was decided that there is already sufficient indication of crosswalks on the street, and it is already a 30 km/hour zone.

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

Action             **Blair Martin** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision.

**CARRIED:** *Remove from agenda.*

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Background

**13. Crosswalk for Suntree area (Kyle Wilkin)**

A resident spoke with the City of Leduc about the concerns they have regarding the parking that occurs in front of the playground on Schubert Street. The cars along the street belong to some residents who live on the opposite side of Schubert Street as well as parents who bring their children to the park to play on the playground equipment. Previously the resident had contacted the City to request "No Parking" signs and speed humps in front of the park and a crosswalk to further reduce the ongoing risk to children in the area, as our section of roadway has had a considerable amount of "near miss" incidents with children crossing and traffic traveling faster than the posted speed limit. The resident has witnessed cars driving at excessive speeds along the Street and several children almost being hit after stepping out from between parked cars. This occurs throughout the year regardless of the season, although it increases dramatically during the summer months. The resident feels it is only a matter of time before there is a serious injury or fatality of a child and would like to request a crosswalk across Schubert Street from the Knie Park sidewalk loop to the West side of Schubert, as well as a crosswalk extending from the sidewalk at the corner of the playground, as this would complete the loop that surrounds the playground. They would also like to request "No parking" signs be placed between the posted playground speed limit sign on the South side of the park to the North posted sign, protecting the West side of Knie park from parked vehicles and offering a clear line of sight for pedestrians and traffic. As well as speed tables (during the summer months) to further reduce traffic speeds on the West side of Knie park.

September 29 Meeting – TAC reviewed the area of concern. There are a lot of children on the west side of this street that cross over to the park. There have been a few incidents where children crossing have been almost hit. The road is a 30 km/hour zone.

Decision

**TAC recommends to Council** that a crosswalk just South of the Canada Post box be installed.

Action

**Kyle Wilkin** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision.

**Public services** to install crosswalk.

**CARRIED:** *Remove from agenda*

Background

**14. Crosswalks by Willow Park Elementary School (Kyle Wilkin)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding the crosswalks near Willow Park Elementary. The resident would like to see the pedestrian crossing signs changed to light up signs. There are two separate signs by Willow Park elementary school, one North and one South that are just signs. The resident sees many people who almost miss children because you can't see the crosswalk from cars parking right next to it. The resident fears someone may get hurt.

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September 29 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it is suitable to have to have rapid flash beacons be installed at the North cross walk.

Decision           **TAC recommends to Council** that rapid flash beacons be installed at the North cross walk.

Action             **Kyle Wilkin** will contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision.

**Public Services** to install rapid flash beacons.

**CARRIED.** *Remove from agenda.*

Background           **15. Kiss and Go at Notre Dame School (Shawn Olson)**

A resident has submitted a concern regarding the Kiss and Go zone outside the Notre Dame School. They feel that the Kiss and Go zone does not appear to be working. The only people who appear to be conforming to the zone restrictions are the residents. For example, the resident has witnessed individuals who have no regard for the parking restrictions in place. They see parents sitting outside their property from 14:00 hrs waiting for their children that do not come out of school until approximately 15:15. Even after being told by Bylaw enforcement the same individuals return the following day doing the same. In addition, if the resident and their family are leaving for an appointment during the restricted hours, they are having to park their vehicles outside of the restricted area to be in compliance. The resident feels it is unfair to themselves and fellow residents when they see the non-compliance from non-residents. The resident suggested the removal of the signs and restrictions which would allow residents the same privileges as individuals dropping off their children, or the issuance of residential parking permits for all residents to use if the need to park on the street arises.

September 29 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern. If vehicles are being parked in front of resident's driveway's and blocking access, then it becomes a Bylaw concern.

Decision           **TAC recommends to Council** that Bylaw enforcement monitors and enforces the area.

Action             **Rick Sereda** to contact the resident to advise of TAC's decision.

**Cameron Chisholm** to ask Enforcement Services to periodically patrol the area.

**CARRIED.** *Remove from agenda.*

Background           **16. 30 km/hour on Alton Drive/Black Gold (Shawn Olson)**

Councillor Hansen brought forward a request for a reduced speed limit of 30 km/hour on Alton Drive from Black Gold Drive to the rail tracks. This is a result of many resident requests and would be over top of the school zone which is already 30 km/hour for much

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of the day. This would be similar to the Willow Park posting of 30 km/hour, however in that case it was done because there were two nearby 30 km/hour zones, one for the school and one for the park that had different operating times and a small gap between them.

September 29 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern. This area is one of the busiest streets in Leduc and will be impacted by the new 40 km/hour Speed Bylaw.

- Decision      **TAC recommends to Council** that this be addressed through the Speed Bylaw change where all speed zones in residential streets will change to 40 km/hour and the school zone be extended to be from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.
- Action        **Shawn Olson** to contact resident and inform them of the impending 40km/h speed bylaw and changes to school zone timing.

**CARRIED:** *Remove from agenda.*

Background      **17. Excessive Speed on Bridgeport Blvd (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding the amount of racing and reckless driving Down Bridgeport Boulevard. It is an extreme safety concern! The resident runs a dayhome and must cross the street twice a day with 4-5 kids at times and it is scary, especially with there not being a crosswalk at the end of the Boulevard around the corner from the winners. The resident often stands at the corner with cars not stopping to let them cross with the kids because they are speeding and don't realize that they are waiting there.

- Decision      September 29 Meeting: TAC reviewed this area this last year. The speed awareness data Was reviewed and the data indicated the average speed is 36km/h with an 85th percentile of 44km/h. These figures are within compliance

- Action        **TAC recommends to Council** that the resident is informed of the past data and that Administration put in another speed sign and monitor. TAC recommends switching the Speed next year with the new 40km/h speed bylaw.

**Shawn Olson** to contact the resident and advise of TAC's decision.

**CARRIED.** *Remove from agenda.*

Background      **18. Request to use Off-Highway Vehicle on City Streets (Cameron Chisholm)**

A resident wrote in to request authorization to use their 2019 Can-am Maverick on the City streets. The vehicle is equipped with the following safety equipment: daytime running lights, headlights and taillights, blinkers, horn, rear view mirror, both left and right-side mirrors and 4-point seatbelts. The tires are DOT compliant. It is the residents

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understanding that the City has the authority to grant a permit under certain Bylaws. The resident understands there would be restrictions and probationary period if a permit was granted. They are willing to submit to a safety inspection to verify the vehicle is safe for use on the City roads.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the request to allow off-highway vehicles on City streets. TAC did not feel the vehicle has enough safety equipment to be allowed on City streets. The vehicle has no pedestrian protection, no fenders, they are very loud, and have no air bags.

Decision      **TAC recommends to Council** that off-highway vehicles will not be permitted on City streets.

Action        **Cameron Chisholm** is in contact with the resident.

**CARRIED.** *Remove from agenda.*

Background      **19. Crosswalk on 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 51 Street (Shawn Olson)**

A resident requested a sidewalk be installed on 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 51<sup>st</sup> Street to connect the mailbox and park to the opposite sidewalk.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern. There is access into the park that cuts through beside the mailbox that is on the south side. Vehicles are not noticing people trying to cross.

Decision      **TAC recommends to Council** that the crosswalk lines and signs be installed. The crosswalk will be monitored and during the future road renewal TAC will assess to see if an upgrade will need to be done.

Action        **Shawn Olson** to contact the resident and advise them of TAC's decision.

**CARRIED.** *Remove from agenda.*

Background      **20. Speed Awareness sign on 50th Street (Shawn Olson)**

Mayor Young brought forward speeding concerns on 50th Street. He would like to discuss the installation of a speed awareness sign to alert traffic prior to the lights at the Best Western.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area and it fits the criteria to have a speed awareness sign installed.

Decision      **TAC recommends to Council** that a speed awareness by Safeway be moved closer to the intersection at 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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Action           **Public Services** to move the speed awareness sign.

**Shawn Olson** to contact the resident and advise them of TAC's decision.

**CARRIED.** *Remove from agenda.*

Background       **21. Leduc Specific Speed for School Zones (Rick Sereda)**

There is an early dismissal at Willow Park school that allows kids to get out of school before the Provincial school zone hours kick in. TAC needs to discuss whether to adopt a Leduc specific speed for school zones.

September 29, 2022 Meeting: Our school zones follow the Provincial standard for applicable times (8 am – 9:30 am, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, 3 pm – 4:30 pm), however we have schools that are dismissed outside of those hours, leading to a situation where the school zone is not applicable at the time when students need to be protected.

Decision       **TAC recommends to Council** that Engineering bring forward a Bylaw change to make our school zone times more in line with those practices and will be recommending to Council that they extend from 7:30 am - 4:30 pm without gaps in applicable times. This Bylaw will be brought forward with the 40 km/hour Speed Bylaw.

Action           **Shawn Olson** to bring the Speed Bylaw to Council in 2023.

**Kiann McNeill** to develop communication strategy to accompany the Bylaw roll out.

**CARRIED.** *Remove from agenda.*

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

No further items were brought forward for discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

November 10, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.  
City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom