

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 13, 2024 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, Manager, Infrastructure Maintenance
Rick Sereda, Director, Public Services
Cameron Chisholm, Manager, RCMP Administration and Leduc Enforcement Services
Kyle van Steenoven, Manager, Capital Projects and Development
John Prokopiw, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services
Chelsey Iles, Engineering Project Manager
Councillor Laura Tillack

With Regrets

Kevin Wenzel, Manager, Public Transportation
Brian Oliver, Fire Prevention Officer
Sgt. Chad Pushie, RCMP
Ed Barden, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services
Michael Stadnyk, Community Peace Officer, Sergeant
Mike Pieters, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning

Public Commentary

No Public Commentary

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PREVIOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

Background

1. Speeding Concerns on Suntime Promenade (Shawn Olson)

A resident submitted a concern regarding speeding on Suntime Promenade. The speeding has become excessive and occurs between the hours of 4:30-6pm. This also includes the hours of 7:55am – 8:10am once parents return from dropping off their children. This includes vehicles going east and west, with the increased vehicles and people crossing the impatient people waiting at the lights to turn into Suntime causes

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issues. The resident would like to see a speed indicator warning device showing drivers their speed. It will be a matter of time before a vehicle spins out due to snow conditions and speeding which I have witnessed or until someone is hit.

February 8, 2023 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will install a speed awareness sign facing east to gather the speed data.

April 11, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data. The data showed the average speed is 41km/h with an 85th percentile speed of 49km/h. TAC would like to leave the sign up for longer and bring the data back to the next meeting for a larger data pool.

June 13, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data. The data showed the average speed is 42 km/h with an 85th percentile speed of 49km/h. TAC will leave this sign in place permanently to deter drivers from speeding.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that the speed awareness sign remains in place permanently

Action Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda.

Background **2. Speeding Concerns on Cayuga Street (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding speeding on Cayuga street. A few years prior we had a stop signed installed at the corner of Cayuga St and Athapaskan Drive. Unfortunately, this hasn't stopped some drivers from using this residential road as a raceway. The resident has witnessed drivers speed from the start of the road by the high school all the way to stop sign going at least 60 to 70km. Some people don't even stop at the stop sign! During school hours the resident is afraid to even load their children into the car because they worry with the drivers ripping by, someone will hit their children. The resident has unfortunately already had a hit and run to one of their vehicles from some driver drifting down the street. The resident believes it is just a matter of time before a pedestrian crossing the street or a child will be hit. Cayuga St to Athapaskan Drive is a very busy road during school hours and, I'm hoping the City of Leduc takes this concern seriously and would consider installing a speed bump like they have along Alton Drive. If speed bumps are too costly of an idea, more police presence during school hours would be a huge improvement to pedestrian safety.

April 11, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will install a speed awareness sign and bring the data back to the next meeting.

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June 13, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data, the average speed is 31km/h with a 85th percentile speed of 37km/h.

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

Action Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident.

Remove from agenda

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Background **3. Request for No Parking on Athapaskan Drive (Shawn Olson)**

With the new Tim Hortons and Edo Restaurant now open and the increased traffic from the High School, it is impossible to get more than 4- 5 cars to turn onto 50th Street per Cycle of the new traffic lights during the time of 2:30- 3:45 PM. In addition to this there is a 45ft delivery truck that parks right on Athapaskan Drive a few times a month that then makes it impossible to turn onto Athapaskan Drive due to the road being too narrow due to parking on the south side of Athapaskan Drive. The residents suggestion would be to make the South lane of Athapaskan Drive right at the intersection "No Parking" for the entire block and resetting the timing of the lights to allow more traffic to turn onto 50th Street.

June 13, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern. The timing of the lights cannot be changed without detrimentally affecting the traffic on 50th Street. TAC discussed removing parking on both sides of the road from the intersection on 50th to the entrance of the Tim Hortons and EDO and will add designated left and right turning lanes.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that parking is removed on both sides of the road and designated left, and right turn lanes be painted on Athapaskan Drive turning on to 50th Street

Action Public services to put up no parking signs and paint lane lines

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda.

Background **4. Request for Crosswalk Time Adjustment (Shawn Olson)**

The resident crosses north and south as a pedestrian at the intersection of Highway 39 and Deer Valley Drive weekdays at 830 and 330 and is concerned for other

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pedestrians, like children, who may not be as aware of their surroundings as I am as an adult. At least once a week the resident is not seen by drivers turning left (either heading east out of town or west into town). The resident is wondering if there was anything that can be done to allow the pedestrian traffic a bit of a head start? The resident noticed at the Grant McEwan Blvd & Blackgold Drive crossing this was implemented. I assume the drivers are also terrible at the Grant McEwan & Hwy 39 crossing, which is where my elementary school kids cross in the mornings, so if this intersection could be considered for an adjustment, that would be amazing as well.

June 13, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and discussed the installation of a pedestrian advance signal, which would allow pedestrians more time to cross.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** the installation of a pedestrian advance signal

Action Public Services to install Pedestrian Advance signal

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **5. Parking Concerns on 50th Avenue (Shawn Olson)**

Resident submitted a concern regarding parking on Main Street. The issues that the resident sees constantly are mainly people trying to park on the opposite side of street (across Yellow) and backing into parking spaces. The resident is wondering if there is any way of putting up something so that drivers cannot do that.

June 13, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern, this concern is an enforcement issue as it is illegal to cross over a solid yellow line.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council** that enforcement monitor the area

Action Enforcement Services to monitor the area

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda.

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Background

6. Speeding Concerns on Windrose Drive (Shawn Olson)

A resident submitted a concern regarding speeding on Windrose Drive. Over the past years and with the completion of the neighbourhood, there has been an increase in traffic (especially since the row housing was added). With this increase in traffic, there has been an uptake in reckless driving behaviours, which include speeding, stunting and distracted driving. A majority, however not all, come from residence of the rental complex, who have no real vested interest in the community. This area has several small children who walk and bike in the area, whom I am afraid will be seriously hurt due to the lack of driver consideration. I have taken it upon myself at times, to park my truck and trailer on one side of the road and my car on the other, in order to create a “bottle neck” and slow the speeds down, which does work.

Since the city reduced the speed limit in residential areas to 40 KPH, there has been no deterrence or noticeable drop in speed. Over the past two weeks, for example, the resident has witnessed speeds at approximately 80 KPH, street racing. For some driver’s, it appears to see how fast they can have their vehicle at. This is noting new, however with summer fast approaching, this would be a good opportunity to change the behaviour.

There has been limited enforcement in the community since I have moved in. With the specific stretch of roadway, a marked enforcement unit would have limited results due to the visibility. I am requesting speed tables be proposed at the TAC.

June 13, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will install a speed awareness sign and bring the data back to the next meeting

Decision

TAC recommends to Council that a speed awareness sign be installed

Action

Public services to install a speed awareness sign

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident.

CARRIED

Background

7. Noise and Speeding Concerns on 38 Avenue and Walters Place (Shawn Olson)

The resident has previously reported this concern to the City in 2021, 38 Ave & Walters Place continues to experience elevated noise from modified vehicles & motorcycles with exhaust bafflers removed. In addition, modified vehicles are constantly exceeding

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the 40 km/h speed limit on Walters Place. I acknowledge traffic is intermittent on Walters Place, however the violations happen on the daily. Speed on 38 Ave is throughout the day.

As this was first reported in 2021, the resident would like to know what long term remedies have been implemented outside of “targeted patrols” (also intermittent) & what measurable goals have been implemented & met to address resident concerns? What traffic calming measures have been implemented in the 3+ years the city has been aware of this area of concern? When will residents of the area see action & results from the city in terms of noise & speed reduction?

June 13, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data on 38 Avenue, the average speed is 47 km/h with an 85th percentile speed of 52 km/h. On Walters place the average speed is 27 km/h with an 85th percentile speed of 34km/h. Speeding is not a concern on Walters Place, however, on 38 Avenue TAC discussed the installation of a temporary bulb out at the cross walk to deter drivers from speeding and increase pedestrian safety.

Decision **TAC recommends to Council that** temporary bulbs outs be installed on 38 Avenue at the crosswalk

Action Public services to install temporary bulb outs

Shawn Olson to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **8. Speeding Concerns on South Park Drive (Rick Sereda)**

A resident submitted a concern regarding speeding near Notre Dame school. The resident advised that he observed a vehicle travelling past his residence at a high rate of speed May 7, 2024 at approximately 17:50 hrs. During the timeframe of 5:00pm-6:00pm, one vehicle was recorded at a speed of 75 km/h. A monthly analysis of the data was conducted. On average, vehicles are traveling at 37 km/h, with 85% of them averaging at 45 km/h. There are some notable outliers, including one instance of speeds between 101-105 km/h. Given that this area is a school zone, this data has been forwarded to Enforcement Services suggesting some targeted enforcement measures be implemented.

June 13, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and agrees with having enforcement services to monitor the area

Decision **TAC recommends to Council that** Enforcement Services monitor the area

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Action Enforcement Services to monitor the area
Rick Sereda to follow up with the resident
Remove from agenda

Background **9. Request for Hidden Driveway Sign on Black Gold Drive (Kyle Van Steenoven)**

A resident submitted a request to install a hidden driveway sign. Their house is on the corner of 47th Street and Black Gold Drive and would like to request the sign at the end of their driveway off of Black Gold Drive.

June 13, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and does not deem it necessary to install a hidden driveway sign

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

Action Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident
Remove from agenda.

Background **10. Sidewalk Safety Concern at Alton Drive and Black Gold Drive (Kyle Van Steenoven)**

A resident submitted a safety concern regarding the southwest corner southwest of Alton and Black Gold drive. Every time the resident rides their bike passed this corner, they cannot help but think of someone not paying attention and riding straight out into oncoming traffic. The path was rerouted around some mature trees but now aims the path at the road with no transition indicator. The cement curb is a quick drop off and cannot be judged fast enough. The resident would like to request paint on the path corner of an arrow, or delineators or something to break up that asphalt to asphalt transition.

June 13, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and does not deem is necessary to make changes to the existing sidewalk

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

Action Kyle Van Steenoven to follow up with the resident
Remove from agenda

Background **11. Request for Left Turn Advance Signals on Rollyview Road and Black Gold Drive (Shawn Olson)**

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A resident would like to request green left turn advances being added to the north bound (Coady) and south bound (BGD) left turn movements onto Rolleyview. This issue has been brought up as a pedestrian safety issue as people are trying to turn left through gaps in traffic and not seeing pedestrians who have the right of way to walk. An advanced (protected) left would give time for motorists to clear the turn bays without conflict traffic movements and before an pedestrian movements being.

June 13, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deems it appropriate to install left turn advance signals at this intersection

Decision **TAC recommends to council that** left turn advance signals be installed

Action Public services to install left turn advance signals

Shawn Olson to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda.

Background **12. Speeding Concerns on 43rd Avenue (Shawn Olson)**

Resident submitted a concern regarding speeding on 43rd Avenue. The resident would like to see Enforcement services set up a speed trap to catch the speeders. The resident sees people doing 80km/h on this road. Most speeders are between the hours of 4:00pm – 8:00pm

June 13, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will install a speed awareness sign to capture the data

Decision **TAC recommends to council that** a speed awareness sign be installed

Action Public services to install a speed awareness sign

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

CARRIED

Background **13. Request for Crosswalk at Aicher Place and Alexander Drive (Shawn Olson)**

A resident submitted a request for a crosswalk at Aicher Place and Alexander Drive. The resident has noticed that many people cross Alexander Drive from Aicher place either to access the lake or the mailboxes. The resident would love to have a cross walk here to improve safety for our neighbours and our kids. Bonus points if it is one

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that would include a crosswalk with a light. I know the city is also adding a picnic shelter to this side of the lake so I am expecting it to be busy.

June 13, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it appropriate to paint cross walk lines in this area given the presence of one to the north but did not find it appropriate to install flashers as this is not a collector roadway.

Decision **TAC recommends to council that** crosswalk lines be painted

Action Public services to paint crosswalk lines

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

No further items were brought forward for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57pm.

NEXT MEETING

September 19, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom