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Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held on September 19, 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
Cheri Andres, 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
Alysha Laviolette, Environmental Inspector
Chelsey Iles, Engineering Project Manager
Councilor Laura Tillack
Officer Lou Simms, RCMP, Leduc Detachment

With Regrets

John Prokopiw, Community Peace Officer I, Enforcement Services
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

The following emergent items were added to the agenda.

Under New Business Items:

21. Parking Concerns on Grant McEwan Blvd (Shawn Olson)
22. Pedestrian Safety Concern on Meadowview Dr Between Meadowview Blvd & McKenzie Crt (Shawn Olson)

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ASSI Q2 Statistical Report – TAC recommends that the committee review the ASSI Quarterly Statistical Reports at all future TAC meetings to look for accident trends.

PREVIOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

Background

1. 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 nothing 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.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data from two signs. The average speed eastbound is 41 km/h with an 85th percentile of 47 km/h. The sign on the westbound side of the road recorded an average speed of 38 km/h with an 85th percentile of 46 km/h. This is below a threshold where it would merit engineering control.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that no further action be taken.

Action

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

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Background

2. Speeding Concerns on 43 Avenue (Shawn Olson)

Resident submitted a concern regarding speeding on 43 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.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data, the average speed is 43 km/h with an 85th percentile of 41 km/h. This is below a threshold where it would merit engineering control.

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. Parking Congestion/Poor Visibility Concern on Robinson Drive by Ruddy Park (Shawn Olson)

Resident submitted a concern with regards to the section of road (Robinson Drive) that is in front of Ruddy Park in Robinson. There is parking on either side from the occupants of the townhomes across from the park or others. The concern is that this section of road is somewhat of a serpentine and the sightlines from up and down the road are difficult to see with all the parked vehicles. This results in many people driving in the middle of the road. Would like to see a solid yellow line painted in the middle of the road for the curved area.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and doesn't deem it appropriate to paint a center line.

Decision

TAC Recommends to Council that no further action be taken.

Action

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background

4. Traffic Signal Concern at Blackstone Blvd & Boulder Wynd (Shawn Olson)

Resident submitted a concern regarding the intersection of Blackstone Blvd and Boulder Wynd needing additional stop signs to make it a controlled intersection.

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Currently, due to the curvature of the road as well as cars parked along the side, it is very difficult to see oncoming traffic when one is turning either left off Boulder Wynd or turning right off Berg Loop.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and concluded that installation of four way stop would impede flow of traffic because this is a collector and local road intersection location; two-way stop on the local road is sufficient for this intersection.

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

Action Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **5. Traffic Signal Request at Hwy 39 (50 Ave) & Grant MacEwan Blvd (Shawn Olson)**

Resident was concerned that there is no turn signal on Highway 39 (50th Ave.) eastbound to northbound on Grant MacEwan. TAC had previously discussed revisiting the traffic signals along Highway 39 at the conclusion of 65th Avenue construction so it may be premature to discuss.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and reevaluated the area since the high school opened August 30. Advance signals have been installed in all directions, with the exception of the one mentioned. TAC concluded that an advance turn signal for this part of the intersection will be installed upon the completion of 65 Ave, in the summer of 2025.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** to notify the resident that this turn signal will be installed once the 65 Ave construction is completed in the summer of 2025.

Action Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **6. Speeding Concerns in Edgewater Circle (Edgewater Circle & Sheppard Blvd) (Shawn Olson)**

Resident expressed concern with regard to speeding while entering Edgewater Circle. They are requesting a reduction in speed to 30 kms/h and a sign be posted. As you enter Edgewater Circle, there is a very tall fence that makes it very dangerous to see any pedestrians crossing the street. She has seen small children almost hit several times.

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September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will install a speed awareness sign to capture the data and bring back to the next meeting.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that a speed awareness sign be installed to capture the data.

Action Public Services to install a speed awareness sign

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

CARRIED

Background **7. Speeding Concerns on Rollyview Rd Eastbound Approaching C.W. Gaetz Rd (Shawn Olson)**

Ongoing speeding concerns eastbound on Rollyview Rd when approaching C.W. Gaetz Rd. Possibility of implementing a traffic circle at the corner of Rollyview Rd and C.W. Gaetz to slow traffic in this area.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and the average speed collected from the speed awareness sign was 56 km/h with an 85th percentile of 63 km/h. Each week, since the speed awareness sign was installed in June, there has been a maximum speed recorded of greater than 100 km/h. TAC recommends engineering control and heard of and supported installing a roundabout as detailed in the draft Transportation Master Plan at the intersection of C.W. Gaetz Rd and Rollyview Rd within the next 3 years.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that a roundabout be installed at the intersection of Rollyview Rd and C.W. Gaetz Rd to improve traffic flow while slowing incoming and outgoing traffic.

Action No follow up needed

Remove from agenda

Background **8. Exit and Entry (On/Off Ramps) Concerns Accessing QE2 & Hwy 2A (Shawn Olson)**

Resident is concerned about the danger of the on ramp and off ramps on the QE2 bridge as you enter from Hwy 39/50 street onto the QE2 heading southbound as well as when other vehicles enter on to the QE2 northbound from Hwy 2A and then take the immediate next exit to enter back into Leduc. Both areas are on hills/curves and make it hard to see traffic etc.

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Action: As per Shawn, replied to this resident letting her know that we have heard her concern but that this is not in the City of Leduc's jurisdiction. Encouraged her to contact ATEC with her concerns.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and agrees with the resident, but since it's under provincial jurisdiction, no further action can be taken.

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

Action No follow up needed

Remove from agenda

Background **9. Traffic Signal Concern West Haven Dr & Black Gold Dr (Shawn Olson)**

Resident has expressed concern for more attention to be drawn to intersection at West Haven Dr and Black Gold Dr as the sunlight/trees are an added factor to already distracted drivers when driving west on Black Gold Dr. Resident suggested rumble strips as possible solution.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and concluded that a 4 way stop would impede traffic flow, especially during school drop off and pick up times. Enforcement services to monitor the area for distracted drivers. Install speed awareness sign to capture west bound traffic and bring data back to next meeting.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that a speed awareness sign be installed to capture west bound traffic.

Action Public services to install a speed awareness sign

Enforcement services to monitor for distracted drivers

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

CARRIED

Background **10. Request for Handicap Parking Signs – 4806 48 Ave (Shawn Olson)**

Resident called requesting handicap parking signs be installed in front of the 55+ condo to allow for two handicap vehicles. There are 2 stalls in the parkade, however, they are designated to specific residents. There are 48 units in the building and resident is aware of at least 6 vehicles with handicap placards, herself included. If approved, she is requesting the same set up for across the street at that 55+ condo (4809 48 Avenue).

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September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deems it appropriate to install handicap parking signs for one stall on each side of the street.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that a handicap parking sign be installed for one stall on each side of the street.

Action Public Services to install handicap parking signs on either side of the street

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **11. Request for Scramble Crosswalk at 50 St & Black Gold Dr and Request for Delineators for Multiway and Black Gold Dr (Shawn Olson)**

Resident is requesting a scramble crosswalk at the intersection of 50 Street & Black Gold Drive so the park by the civic center and the pathway along Black Gold get connected without having to use that shady back alley by the apartments? I know signaling, curbs, cement work, vehicle volumes are all considerations. I've seen a lot of bikes and old people scooters having to snake around those islands to make that work. Let's help them out.

Resident is also requesting delineators, signage, or an arrow painted on the pathway to warn users that there is a sharp bend up ahead in the path. He is concerned that without a warning, users run the risk of driving off the path and out into oncoming traffic due to the sharper turn and the pathway already being downhill.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it inappropriate to install a scramble crosswalk as this is the second busiest intersection in the city, and the crosswalk would momentarily close down the entire intersection, which would severely impede traffic flow.

TAC also reviewed the multiway area and deemed the area did not warrant delineators as there is no concrete data to support the concern.

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

Action Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **12. Traffic Signal Concern at Robinson Dr & Reynolds Way (Shawn Olson)**

Resident is requesting the consideration of changing the intersection at Robinson Dr & Reynolds Way to a 4-way stop as there have been many close calls on the cross walk

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for people of all ages and they think adding a 4-way stop would slow people down. Many people ignore the playground and speed signs, and the cross walk is very busy. Most drivers don't stop, even if the lights are flashing or a school bus has its stop sign out.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and concluded that a 4-way stop would impede traffic flow and is not necessary. Speed awareness signs are already posted in this area and the data collected shows an average speed of 35 km/h with an 85th percentile of 41 km/h. Therefore, no further action will be taken.

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

Action Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **13. Traffic Signal Concern at Ohpaho Secondary School & 69 St (Kyle Van Steenoven)**

The Principal of Ohpaho Secondary School is requesting the stop sign at the South entrance to the school parking lot be changed to a yield sign to improve traffic flow out of the student parking lot as this is the entry/exit for all the student parking and with students trying to obey the stop sign, traffic gets backed up and it takes a considerable amount of time to get students out at the end of the day.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and will wait to see if the continuation of 69 St south to connect with Black Gold Dr is approved in the budget discussions in October. If the road extension is approved in the budget, the sign will remain a stop sign as the through road will follow imminently and its poor practice to change road signs frequently. If the intention is not to connect the road in the short term, the sign will be changed to a yield sign until the road is extended in the future.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that we wait to see if the continuation of 69 St south to connect with Black Gold Dr is approved in the budget discussions in October. If the road extension is approved, the sign will remain a stop sign. If not approved, the sign will be changed to a yield sign until the road is extended in the future.

Action Chelsey Iles to follow up with the principal of Ohpaho Secondary School

CARRIED

Background **14. 10 Minute Parking Request Along 48 St by Mailboxes (Shawn Olson)**

Resident called to request there be a 10 minute only parking sign put up along 48th Street by the large mailbox as seniors are having a hard time getting there to always

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pick up their mail because two vehicles in particular park in front of the mailboxes. There is already no parking allowed to the north of the mailboxes along 48th Street due to the narrowing of the street so if a 10 min parking only sign could be put up in this small section of the street, the seniors, who he is unofficially the spokesman for, would appreciate it.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deems it appropriate to install loading zone signs to deter continuous parking.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that loading zone signs be installed to deter continuous parking.

Action Public services to install loading zone signs

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **15. Speeding/Crosswalk Concerns Along Windrose Dr (Shawn Olson)**

Resident is concerned with speeding along Windrose Drive and the safety of pedestrians at the numerous crosswalks. Daily driving speeds are out of hand and posted speed limits through playgrounds and crosswalks are ignored continually. The meandering design of the roadway doesn't allow for long distance observation of speeding vehicles. In some cases where vehicles are travelling more than 50 km/h, the pedestrian has less than three seconds to make it to safety. Not possible for seniors!

Resident is requesting better and permanent control devices such as the portable flat concrete barriers at each crosswalk, like those that the City of Edmonton has installed in the suburb of Allard. The design facilitates pedestrian safety and encourages, and in some cases, forces drivers to obey posted traffic laws. The barriers can be easily moved for street maintenance or snow removal. There are approximately five crosswalks between Windrose Drive, Westlin Drive and Grant MacEwan Blvd. The two high risk areas are the student zone at Alton Drive and the playground zone entrance at Westlin Drive.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and while his proposed control devices are being implemented in various locations in the city, this area does not warrant a geometry change as speeds along this roadway are in line with the limits. Data from previously installed speed awareness signs shows the average speed eastbound is 41 km/h with an 85th percentile of 47 km/h. The sign on the westbound side of the road recorded an average speed of 38 km/h with an 85th percentile of 46 km/h. No further action to be taken.

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

Action Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **16. Speeding Concern Along Blackstone Blvd (Shawn Olson)**

Resident is concerned about speeding along Blackstone Blvd. Signage for speed limits and flashing speed limit signs are only up in one direction going into the suburb. There are no signs when people are driving west. No signs are up by the children's playground. The building site is a frenzy of hundreds of workers and trucks in and out daily and passing the children's park at double or more the speed limit. Resident has almost been struck herself. Can we please get this addressed before a life is lost? Kids are kids running across the road into the park sometimes without pressing the pedestrian crossing button. Doing 20 may be a broken bone if a kid is struck, but 80 is a death sentence.

Please let's be proactive, this is getting out of hand with the builders.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the speed awareness data and the average speed is 34 km/h with an 85th percentile of 40 km/h. The speed awareness sign will be installed on the opposite side of the road to record data and be brought back to next TAC meeting.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that the speed awareness sign be installed on the opposite side of the road and the data be brought back to the next meeting.

Action Blair to move speed awareness sign

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

CARRIED

Background **17. Speeding Concern for Ohpaho School Zone – Hwy 39/50 Ave (Shawn Olson)**

Resident is concerned that the speed limit is too high/not in line with other school zones north of Ohpaho Secondary School along Hwy 39/50 Ave. The speed limit sign along 50 Ave or highway 39 at the new Leduc high school is posted 60 km. Looking in the Leduc Rep newspaper today, Friday, Sept. 6, 2024, page 11, "RCMP, City Share Back to School Safety Tips" all school zones in the city of Leduc are 30 km/hr. This school zone is 60 km/hr. Go figure? I have seen many rural schools in the country in Alberta along the highway. The school buses pull off the highway into the school yard, the highway speed limit is 100 km/hr but the speed limit is posted at 30 km/hr on the highway along school property. So why is every other school in Alberta, whether in a city or in the

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country, have a 30 km/hr speed limit but Leduc is 60 km/hr? Also, there is 900 students crossing highway each day at noon.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and speed limits are set in accordance with provincial guidelines for arterial roads.

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

Action Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **18. Request for Increased Security as Street Lights are Inoperable due to Construction on 57 Ave (Shawn Olson)**

Due to construction, the streetlights along 57 Ave are inoperable until the road work is complete. Resident has complained about dark streets leading to increased break and enters to properties in Willow Park. TAC to review if the traffic conditions have led to increased security issues to see if increased patrols or other accommodations are warranted.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and confirmed the area is dark. However, the alternative is to run a diesel generator which would disturb the neighboring residents. TAC has requested the RCMP to investigate reports of break and enters in the area to validate the safety concern.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that the RCMP investigate break and enter reports and share data with TAC members if there is evidence of an increase in occurrences.

Action Enforcement Services/RCMP to investigate break and enter reports

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

CARRIED

Background **19. Speeding Concerns on 50 Ave and Alton Dr (Shawn Olson)**

Resident is requesting a speed reduction from 60 km/h to 50 km/h. After hearing the explosion and seeing the aftermath of the accident at the Alton Drive/Highway 39 intersection this morning I feel compelled to write this letter. It is truly amazing no one was injured. I personally walk across this intersection 4-6 times weekly and dozens of school children walk, bike or scooter across every school day. I know this because I live at 18 Alton Drive, and they go by my home twice daily. This corner is also an integral part of the multiway system. I realize the city of Leduc is not responsible or cannot foresee all accidents but having the speed limit within the city

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limits at 60 km/h is irresponsible. As the city continues to grow to the west the traffic increases. It would be very proactive to lower the speed limit to 50 km/h immediately not wait until a group of children or myself are killed waiting for the light to change. Don't waste people's time signing petitions or marching on city hall, act responsibly and address this problem quickly.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and RCMP notified TAC that speed was not a factor in this accident. No further action to be taken.

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

Action Mayor Young will follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **20. Speeding Concerns on Sugar Maple Lane (Shawn Olson)**

I live on Sugar Maple Lane, a much-needed cross walk was put in a few years ago but I fear it's not enough. The sidewalk leading to the cross walk is sloped with a blind spot at the end. The kids don't stop before crossing it. I always go slow for this reason. Today as I approached two young boys around 5-6 years were using the slope while sitting on skateboards and crossing without stopping. Had I not been going slow I would have hit the one boy. I told them they were not being safe, but they continued to do that up and down for 5 more min. Just after they stopped, someone came barreling down the road. It's terrifying to think what is going to happen. We need a speed bump or something there.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it appropriate to paint STOP on the walkway leading up to the road to increase safety awareness for pedestrians.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that STOP be painted on the walkway leading up to the road.

Action Public Services to paint STOP on the walkway

Chelsey Iles to follow up with the resident

Remove from agenda

Background **21. Parking Concerns on Grant McEwan Blvd (Shawn Olson)**

Shawn brought up parking concerns along Grant McEwan Blvd across from Creekside Ravines, MacEwan Greens & MacEwan Mews. Currently, parking is available on this stretch of Grant MacEwan but once construction of 65 Ave and Grant MacEwan is

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completed, there will no longer be parking available on the road to accommodate increased through traffic.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and recommends notices be sent to the residents at Creekside Ravines and MacEwan Greens advising that no parking along Grant MacEwan Blvd will be enforced at the completion of the 65 Ave project. The notice should be sent out prior to the project's completion. TAC also recommends that no parking signs be erected along the stretch of arterial roadway to alert the motoring public.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that no parking notices be sent out to residents prior to the completion of 65 Ave project and that no parking signs be erected along the arterial roadway to alert the public.

Action Engineering to deliver notices prior to construction completion

Public Services to erect no parking signs upon completion of construction

No follow up required

Remove from agenda

Background **22. Pedestrian Safety Concern on Meadowview Dr Between Meadowview Blvd & McKenzie Crt (Shawn Olson)**

Shawn discussed pedestrian safety concern in Meadowview after a student from Caledonia was injured while using the crosswalk on Meadowview Dr, between Meadowview Blvd and McKenzie Crt. Meadowview Dr is a busy road with many treating it more like an arterial road rather than a connector road.

September 19, 2024 Meeting: TAC reviewed the area of concern and deemed it appropriate to install temporary bulb outs to slow traffic at this crosswalk.

Decision **TAC Recommends to Council** that temporary bulb outs be installed on Meadowview Dr at the crosswalk.

Action Public Services to install temporary bulb outs

No follow up needed

Remove from agenda

No further items were brought forward for discussion.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm.

NEXT MEETING

November 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
City of Leduc Operations Building, Second Floor Boardroom