



**PUBLIC AGENDA
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 8:45 a.m.
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall
Members**

**Ms. C. Janzen, Chair
Mr. C. Kuhnke, Vice-Chair
Councillor A. Iwanchuk
Sergeant D. Bryden
Mr. J. Chan
Mr. K. Claffey
Mr. B. Girling
Mr. D. Hingston
Mr. R. Meier
Mr. A. Reichert
Ms. D. Taylor
Mr. S. Shannon**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Recommendation

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee held on February 9, 2016 be adopted.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

5. TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION/EDUCATION

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Attached is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting held on February 9, 2016.

The Committee will continue its discussion regarding a traffic safety initiative for 2016.

Recommendation

That the Committee provide direction.

6. 2015 Annual Report - Traffic Safety Committee [File No. CK. 430-59]

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Attached is the draft 2015 Annual Report for the Committee's review before submission to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation.

Recommendation

That 2015 Annual Report of the Traffic Safety Committee be approved and submitted to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation.

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Outstanding Issues Raised by Committee Members [File No. CK. 225-8]

The Transportation Division, Transportation and Utilities Department has provided the following updates to the outstanding issues raised at the February 9, 2016 meeting of the Committee.

- D. Bryden - Idylwyld Drive and 25th Street - traffic heading south on Idylwyld and attempting a left turn to go east on 25th Street must climb the hill in the center of the intersection, cross the railroad tracks and get to the crest of the hill before the oncoming northbound traffic is visible. When snow is piled on the raised concrete centre median on the south side of the intersection, seeing oncoming traffic is more challenging. More attention is needed at this intersection.

Comments regarding snow removal will be forwarded to Public Works for further consideration.

- K. Claffey - Trees blocking the view heading west on 113th at Lanyon Avenue. Traffic travels very fast and you have to have your car part way into the intersection see if there is traffic.

Comments will be included in the Sutherland Neighbourhood Traffic Review.

- A. Reichert - Could a "no left turn" sign be put up for traffic driving north on Idylwyld Drive to stop vehicles from turning left on Jameson Street (intersection where 23rd Street becomes Jameson Street in the downtown). There are two left turning lanes at the light just before and none at this intersection. An example where this was put into place to solve traffic backup is Broadway Avenue and 11th

Street East.

No changes recommended at this time. Left turn restrictions may lead to non-compliance and higher traffic volumes on local streets. Furthermore, the entire section of Idylwyld Drive between 20th Street and 33rd Street will likely be under review when the area undergoes development.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

8. NEW ISSUES RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

8.1 Left turn lanes (A. Reichert)

- There should be a left turn lane going south on 1st Avenue and 20th Street as all the other streets going south have left turn lanes.
- There should be a left turn lane going south on Preston Avenue at Taylor Street. There is a left turn lane going north, but not going south.

9. ADJOURNMENT

**PUBLIC RESOLUTION
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Main Category: 6. TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION/EDUCATION

Date: February 9, 2016

Any material considered at the meeting regarding this item is appended to this resolution package.

The Committee Assistant submitted an excerpt from the minutes of meeting held on January 12, 2016, at which time the Committee agreed to further discuss two possible themes for the 2016 Traffic Safety Campaign:

1. Inattentive/distracted driving; and
2. Courteous driving.

Senior Transportation Engineer Marina Melchiorre was in attendance to provide information regarding the plans for a future pedestrian awareness campaign that she is involved with as part of the active transportation implementation for the Transportation Division.

Ms. Melchiorre stated that over the last few years the Transportation Division, through consultations, has identified a lack of awareness regarding the rules of the road for both drivers and pedestrians. With that in mind, plans are underway for a four to six month campaign beginning in the spring, with the goal to provide education on the rules of the road and then build understanding on how drivers and pedestrians can share the road. Ms. Melchiorre agreed to forward information regarding the anticipated campaign kick-off when it is available.

Senior Transportation Engineer Marina Melchiorre was excused from the meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the Committee's education and awareness campaign and the possibility of incorporating with the Transportation Division's campaign, or continuing with educational activities as in the past. Suggestions for the Committee's 2016 campaign included the purchase of bicycle bells/lights or child car seats for distribution, and an educational campaign with a courteous driving or school zone safety theme.

The Chair undertook to speak further with Senior Transportation Engineer Melchiorre regarding the possibility of linking campaigns and will provide a verbal update at the next meeting.

Moved By: A. Reichert

That the information be received.

CARRIED

April 12, 2016

Secretary, SPC on Transportation

**Re: 2015 Annual Report – Traffic Safety Committee
(File No. CK. 430-59)**

The mandate of the Traffic Safety Committee is to provide advice to City Council on policy matters relating to traffic safety. The Committee reports to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation. The Committee also provides education and awareness programs relating to traffic safety.

The Traffic Safety Committee membership for 2015 was as follows:

Councillor Ann Iwanchuk
Ms. Shel Bater, representing the Board of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools – School Community Council Assembly
Sergeant Dan Bryden, representing the Saskatoon Police Service – Traffic Division
Mr. Joseph Chan, representing SGI – Traffic Safety Promotion Division
Mr. Ken Claffey, representing the Board of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools – Driver Education
Mr. Brock Girling, representing the Trucking Industry
Mr. Doug Hingston, representing the general public
Ms. Cora Janzen, representing the Saskatoon Health Region
Mr. Carl Kuhnke, representing the general public
Mr. Rod Meier, representing the general public
Mr. Al Reichert, representing the Saskatoon and District Safety Council
Ms. Deb Taylor, representing the general public

REPORT

Summary of Activities for 2015

1. **Traffic Safety Education and Awareness**

Intersections have proven to be dangerous locations for collisions, injuries, and fatalities. With that in mind, the Traffic Safety Committee produced, with the assistance of Rawlco Transit, a bus tailboard advertisement on intersection safety. The ad, featuring the slogan “Intersections = Danger,” was displayed on four buses during the months of April-June and September-October 2015. This contract was extended by

Rawlco Transit based on feedback gathered by Committee members which determined the number of individuals who saw the bus ad was low.

The Committee was successful in its application for a community grant through the SGI Traffic Safety Promotion/Acquired Brain Injury Partnership Project. With the additional funding, the Committee was able to pursue additional safety initiatives for 2015.

One of the additional initiatives the Committee undertook to promote traffic safety was the purchase of bicycle bells and lights for the Saskatoon Police Service Bike Unit to distribute. This campaign increased awareness about cycling safety and having appropriate lights and reflectors on bikes at night.

In addition, the Committee also provided funding of \$1,250 to the Saskatoon Police Service in support of "Operation Baby Blitz" child car seat/booster seat initiative. The Committee first became aware of this initiative in 2014, and continued its support again this year making it possible for those unable to obtain or afford a car seat to be provided one at no cost.

2. Reports/Presentations from Administration

The Committee received a presentation from the Administration on the flex parking pay stations installed in the city's core business district areas.

The Administration also provided updates on matters raised during the year by Committee members.

3. Workshops

Several Committee members attended the City of Saskatoon's Active Transportation Plan Stakeholder Workshops in June and October, 2015 to provide stakeholder input into the developing Active Transportation Plan. Traffic/transportation safety is a key component of the Plan and the Committee will continue its support and involvement in this area where possible.

4. Issues Identified by Committee Members

Throughout the year, the Committee identified a number of traffic safety concerns that the Administration reviewed and took appropriate action if required, as well as responding to the Committee. The following matters are some of the traffic issues raised by Committee members and reviewed by the Administration:

- The duration of the amber light at Highway 11 and Marquis Drive from east to west is too short. A lead vehicle approaching slowly from the east, due to deep ice ruts, can be caught at the "crosswalk" point by the change from green to amber and be only mid intersection when the light turns red.

- Concern with deer wandering on the south side of Circle Drive west across from the Holiday Park Golf Course and near the train tracks.
- Speeding in parking lots and concern for pedestrians.
- Inquiry regarding possibility of additional signage on Circle Drive informing motorists when to turn onto Idylwyld Drive to go downtown.
- The need to ensure “end of construction” signs are in place in construction zones.
- Inquiry regarding photo radar enforcement in construction zones.
- The need for the concrete jerseys by Tim Hortons on 22nd Street and Confederation Drive to be more visible as they are continually being hit.
- Possibility of mid-block crosswalk on Clarence Avenue in front of Aden Bowman Collegiate.
- Repainting of lane designation signage required at various locations in the city.
- Inquiry regarding signage at the intersection of Marquis Drive and Idylwyld Drive when eastbound on Marquis.
- Inquiry regarding the timing of lights at Warman Road and 51st Street.
- Additional signage along Lorne Avenue overpass needed marking the straight through lanes.

Plans for 2016

The Traffic Safety Committee, in consultation with the Administration, will pursue opportunities for further traffic safety education.

Yours truly,

Cora Janzen, Chair
Traffic Safety Committee

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