



PUBLIC AGENDA

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015, 8:45 A.M.,
COMMITTEE ROOM "E"**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - 3.1 **Minutes of regular meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee held on January 13, 2015.**

4. **PRESENTATION – FLEX PARKING SYSTEM (File No. CK. 6120-3)**

Parking Services Manager Phil Haughn, Transportation and Utilities Department will be in attendance at 8:45 a.m. to provide information regarding the new system of centralized public pay stations.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

5. ANNUAL REPORT – TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (File No. CK. 430-59)

Attached is the draft 2014 Annual Report of the Traffic Safety Committee for review and approval prior to forwarding to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and City Council.

Recommendation

That the 2014 Annual Report of the Traffic Safety Committee be approved and forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and City Council for information.

6. TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION/EDUCATION (File No. CK. 255-8)

Attached is the final creative from Rawlco Transit for the 2015 traffic safety campaign which is scheduled to run for 18 weeks on four buses as follows:

- April 13 – June 28, 2015, and
- September 7 – October 25, 2015.

There will be approximately \$450 remaining in the 2015 traffic safety communication/education budget upon completion of the above campaign.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

7. REPORTS FROM THE 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 outstanding issues raised at the January 13, 2015 meeting of the Committee.

Shel Bater

- Possibility of extending the length of the left hand turning lane at Circle Drive and Airport Drive northbound. In the morning there is heavy congestion to turn left onto Airport Drive from the freeway and it causes one entire lane of the freeway to be at a standstill from 33rd Street to Airport Drive.
 - *There are plans to build an overpass at this location (date not yet set). Therefore, it is highly unlikely that funding would be spent on a roadway that would be abandoned after a few short years of use.*

Rod Meier

- The duration of the amber light at Hwy 11 and Marquis Drive from East to West, is extremely short (e.g., 5 seconds). A lead vehicle approaching slowly from the east at 30 km, 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.
 - *The timing of the amber and all red intervals for the east-west signals is correct and appropriate for the posted approach speed of 50 kph and the east-west clearing distance across the intersection of 53 metres. The amber is 3.5 seconds and the all red is 3.8, before the start of the north-south signals.*

Recommendation

That the information be received.

8. NEW ISSUES RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS (File No. CK. 225-8)

8.1 SGI Traffic Safety Promotion/Acquired Brain Injury Partnership Project – Community Grant Application

A copy of the draft application will be circulated at the meeting for the Committee's review. (C. Kuhnke)

8.2 Pedestrian safety related to ice on sidewalks (A. Reichert)

9. ADJOURNMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Standing Policy Committee on Transportation
FROM: Chair, Traffic Safety Committee
DATE: January 30, 2015
SUBJECT: 2014 Annual Report – Traffic Safety Committee
FILE NO. CK. 430-59

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and forwarded to City Council for information.

BACKGROUND

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 2014 was as follows:

Councillor Zach Jeffries
 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 (May – December 2014)
 Mr. Ken Claffey, representing the Board of Education for Saskatoon Public Schools – Driver Education
 Mr. Brock Girling, representing the Saskatchewan Trucking Association
 Mr. Doug Hingston, representing the general public
 Mr. Brady Ives, representing SGI – Traffic Safety Promotion Division (January – April 2014)
 Ms. Cora Janzen, representing the Saskatoon Health Region
 Mr. Raymond Lennark, representing the general public (January – April 2014)
 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 2014

1. **Traffic Safety Education and Awareness**

As part of the Committee's initiative to promote traffic safety, funding of \$500 was provided to Saskatoon Cycles in support of the "Light Up Your Life" campaign – an

initiative to increase awareness about cycling safety and having appropriate lights and reflectors on bikes at night.

The Committee also provided funding of \$1,000 to the Saskatoon Police Service in support of "Operation Baby Blitz" child car seat/booster seat initiative. With new legislation in effect commencing end of June, 2014 making booster seats mandatory for children under seven years of age and under 80 pounds in weight, this initiative made it possible for those unable to obtain or afford a car seat to be provided one at no cost.

In the Fall of 2014 the Committee's transit tailboard advertisement, produced by Rawlco Transit in 2013, was displayed on six buses with an image of an aggressive-looking driver and the slogan: "Are you THAT driver? It's up to you!"

2. Reports/Presentations from Administration

The Committee received a presentation from the Administration on Traffic Calming Guidelines and Tools – a new process for addressing neighbourhood traffic concerns by way of community engagement to develop joint solutions.

The Committee also received a presentation from the Administration on street sweeping operations including details of the Spring Street Sweeping Blitz and the Residential Sweep Program.

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

3. 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 traffic issues were raised by Committee members and reviewed by the Administration:

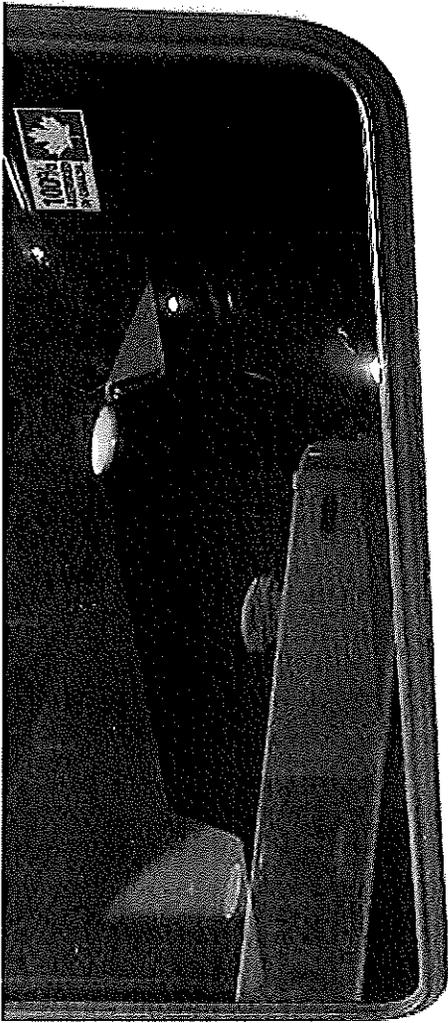
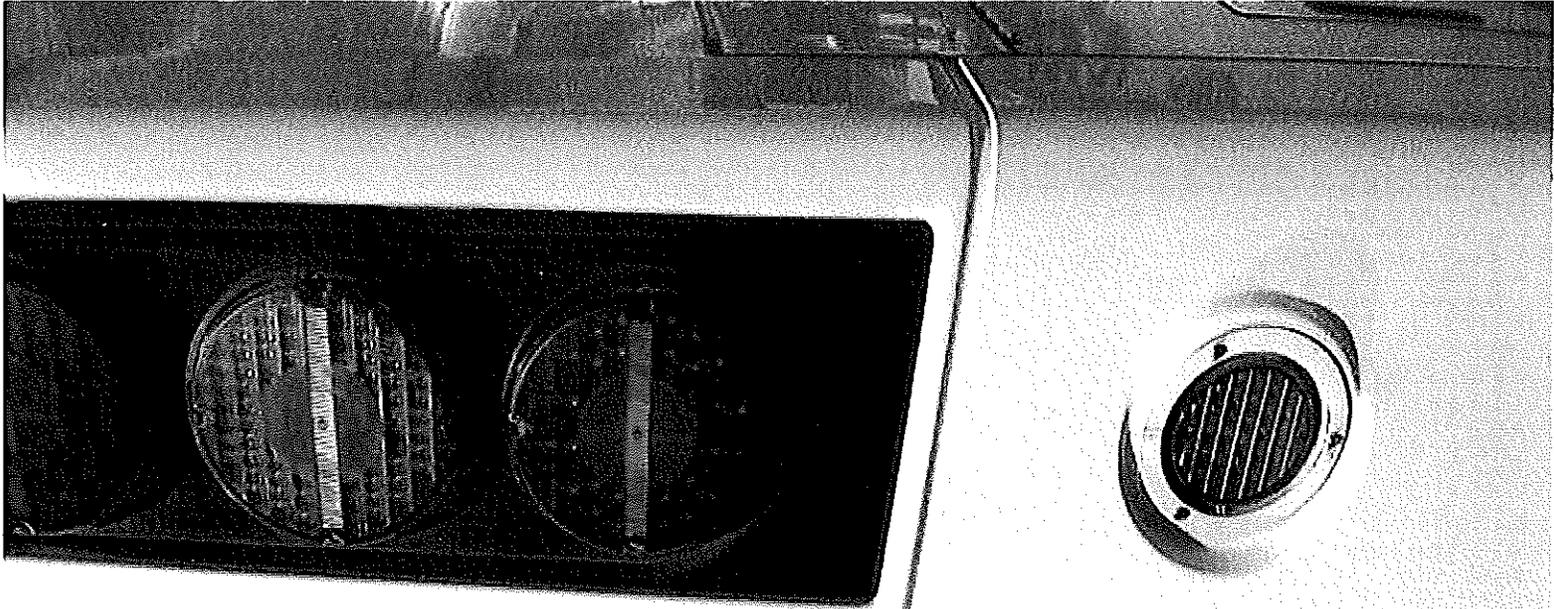
- Height of snow piled on center medians
- Ice buildup on bridges
- Hazards with lack of snow removal in front of schools
- Obstruction of view due to swale located near Flying J and Marquis Drive
- Snow removal and jersey barrier misalignment at Warman Road/Circle Drive overpass
- Visibility of left turn bays on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Avenues during winter season
- Lane designations southbound on Warman Road, south of 51st Street/Lenore Drive intersection—bottleneck created due to left through-lane terminating at Primrose Drive
- Unlawful exit of intersection at Faithfull Avenue and Circle Drive southbound into Scotiabank parking lot
- Speed limit on the Circle Drive North Bridge
- Signage off 11th Street and Fletcher Road when accessing industrial area

- Private commercial signs obstructing visibility at junctions
- Potholes along Faithfull Avenue
- Parking issues outside of schools and enforcement of 30 km speed limit
- Deer in greenspace between the freeway and train tracks (on southwest side driving east on Circle Drive South Bridge)
- Visibility of pavement markings for two turning lanes at Marquis Road and Idylwyld Drive
- Street sweeping
- Mall speeds
- Merging traffic signage required at Idylwyld Drive/Highway 11 (southeast corner)
- Proposed bike lane on 24th Street and related delivery truck issues
- Window tint on vehicles
- Signage required at 51st Street/Lenore Drive by Bishop James Mahoney High School indicating right lane ends
- Size and intensity of flashing school zone lights
- Lane markings
- Signage in work zones
- Overhanging tree branches
- Slow moving equipment
- Barriers for traffic restrictions when no workers present
- Traffic congestion

Plans for 2015

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

Mr. Ken Claffey, Chair
Traffic Safety Committee



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