



**PUBLIC MINUTES
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**February 9, 2016, 8:50 am
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Ms. C. Janzen, Chair
Mr. C. Kuhnke, Vice-Chair
Sergeant D. Bryden
Mr. J. Chan
Mr. B. Girling
Mr. D. Hingston
Mr. R. Meier
Mr. A. Reichert
Ms. D. Taylor
Mr. S. Shannon

ABSENT: Councillor A. Iwanchuk
Mr. K. Claffey

ALSO PRESENT: Transportation Engineer M. Flores
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: R. Meier

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: J. Chan

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee held on January 12, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 Saskatoon Health Region - Draft Report on Injury Prevention

Mr. Josh Marko, Epidemiologist with the Saskatoon Health Region - Public Health Observatory, was in attendance to present information regarding injury/hospitalization rates for motor vehicle accidents, pedestrian injuries and cycling injuries.

Mr. Marko provided an overview of the Public Health Observatory, Health Information Unit, which focusses on the population of the health region and looking at issues that affect that region. The data sources utilized are from hospital discharges of residents in the region.

B. Girling excused himself from the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Mr. Marko provided information regarding motor vehicle, bicycling, and pedestrian injury statistics, and how the statistics are used to address health inequities in order to promote an equitable population.

D. Bryden excused himself from the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Mr. Marko asked the Committee to forward any feedback with regard to what can be done to improve injury statistics, and advised that when the official release of the report is made available in April, he will ensure the Committee receives the information.

Moved By: S. Shannon

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

6. TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION/EDUCATION

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

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

8. NEW ISSUES RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

8.1 Dan 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.

- The Administration will review.

8.2 Ken 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 to see if there is traffic. The one evergreen should not be there.

- The Administration will review.

8.3 Al Reichert

Could a "no left turn" sign be put up for traffic driving north on Idylwyld Drive to stop vehicles from turning left on Jamieson Street (intersection where 23rd Street becomes Jamieson 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.

- The Administration will review.

8.4 Carl Kuhnke

Impact of snow clearing and snow removal on traffic safety.

- To be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

S. Shannon excused himself from the meeting at 10:39 a.m., and D. Taylor excused herself from the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

It was noted that quorum was no longer present.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Ms. C. Janzen, Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant