



**PUBLIC MINUTES
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**April 12, 2016, 8:45 am
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

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

ABSENT: Mr. B. Girling

ALSO PRESENT: Transportation Engineer J. Nyen
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: K. Claffey

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: C. Kuhnke

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

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

5. TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION/EDUCATION

The Committee Assistant submitted an excerpt from the minutes of meeting held on February 9, 2016.

The Committee discussed the recent report which went to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation regarding the Traffic Safety Reserve Program Budget Adjustment. The report requests that funding from the Traffic Safety Reserve be used for various transportation safety improvement initiatives, including enhanced pedestrian safety. It was noted the report will be going to City Council on April 25, 2016 for final approval, and the Committee Assistant undertook to forward the report to Committee members for information.

Discussion followed regarding a possible education campaign with a theme of "Do You See Me?" and what that might look like. The Chair advised she has spoken with the Administration regarding the possibility of working together on a campaign in light of the above report, however, no decision has been made regarding the traffic safety reserve program initiatives.

It was suggested that another option for a 2016 campaign would be to use funds for other activities of traffic safety education, i.e. purchase of child car seats, or reflective items for children.

The Committee was in agreement to table the discussion regarding a 2016 education campaign until the next meeting when more information regarding the City's pedestrian safety initiatives would be available. A decision could be made at that time regarding joining the City's initiative or the Committee pursuing its own campaign for this year.

Moved By: D. Hingston

That the matter of a 2016 education/awareness campaign be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED

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

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

Moved By: K. Claffey

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

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

The Transportation Division, Transportation and Utilities Department 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.

Moved By: A. Reichert

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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.
 - *The Administration will review.*
 - *Transportation Engineer Nyen provided a diagram regarding the Preston Avenue corridor review which addressed the concern.*

8.2 Highway 16 and Boychuk Drive (K. Claffey)

- The changes to the light sequence has caused long backups at peak times down the passing lane of the highway for people travelling east to turn north on Boychuk Drive.
 - *The Administration will follow-up if there is an interim solution until the interchange is completed.*

8.3 Eastlake Avenue and Maple Street (D. Hingston)

- Sign needs replacing.
 - *The Administration will follow-up.*

24th Street and Ontario Avenue by Ivy Restaurant

- No signage indicating that one of the two lanes ends.

- *The Administration will follow-up.*

8.4 Snow Clearing and Removal (C. Kuhnke)

- Impact of snow clearing and snow removal on traffic safety.
 - The Committee discussed requesting the Administration to review the snow removal policy particularly with regard to school zones. The Committee was in agreement to invite the Director of Public Works to a future meeting to provide a presentation in this regard.

Al Reichert and Steve Shannon excused themselves from the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

8.5 Street Sweeping (R. Meier)

- Requested the Administration to encourage street sweeping in the North Industrial area.

Moved By: K. Claffey

That the information be received.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Ms. C. Janzen, Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant