



**PUBLIC MINUTES
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**September 13, 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. A. Reichert
Mr. S. Shannon
Ms. D. Taylor

ABSENT: Mr. B. Girling
Mr. R. Meier

ALSO PRESENT: Transportation Engineer J. Marcoux
Committee Assistant P. Walter

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By C. Kuhnke

1. That the "Preventing Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth" presentation be added to Item 8.2;
2. That Item 8.2 be considered after Item 5;
3. That Item 8.1 be considered after Item 6; and
4. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By A. Reichert

That the minutes of regular meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee held on June 14, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair advised of discussions with Administration and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation regarding Moving Forward. More information will be provided at the November meeting.

The Chair will also contact Chelsea Lanning, Transit Planner, Community Services to present information regarding the Complete Streets concept and guidelines.

Moved By K. Claffey

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5. PEDESTRIAN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN - UPDATE [File No. CK 1815-1]

Senior Transportation Engineer Marina Melchiorre was in attendance to provide an update regarding the City of Saskatoon's pedestrian awareness campaign. The campaign started last week with a press conference regarding pedestrian and school zone safety. The campaign consists of radio advertising, as well as, posters located throughout the City, at schools, bus shelters, social media and the City's website.

Discussion followed regarding other avenues of advertising and raising awareness of pedestrian safety. Concerns were raised regarding pedestrians using the new downtown bike lanes as sidewalks.

The Committee also discussed applying for the SGI community grant application and if approved using the amount to go towards the pedestrian awareness campaign. Mr. Kuhnke offered to complete the community grant application draft, circulate the finished document to the Committee Members and submit to SGI for approval.

Moved By C. Kuhnke

That the Traffic Safety Committee proceed with the community grant application and submit the completed draft to SGI for their approval.

CARRIED

8. NEW ISSUES RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS [File No. CK 225-8]

8.2 Drinking and Driving in Saskatchewan (C. Kuhnke)

Cst. Les Brauner was present and provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the Preventing Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth program (P.A.R.T.Y.). The same presentation is shown to new drivers in Saskatoon schools to raise awareness.

Discussion took place regarding concerns with the key traffic safety issues facing the City of Saskatoon and Premier Wall's request for citizens to suggest improvements to the licensing of vehicles, the changes to positive reinforcement that could create safer drivers and changes to penalties to those that do not follow regulations.

The Committee also discussed and expressed concerns regarding the severe and negative consequences of speeding, distracted driving, impaired driving (both alcohol and drug) and driving vehicles without attention to install safety devices.

Moved By C. Kuhnke

That a letter be submitted to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation to recommend to City Council that:

- A letter be sent to the Government of Saskatchewan to consider stiffer criminal penalties for non-compliant drivers, higher incentives for good drivers and larger SGI penalties for infractions; and
- The concerns of the Traffic Safety Committee be forwarded to the Board of Police Commissioners for information.

CARRIED

Cst. Brauner and Senior Transportation Engineer Melchiorre excused themselves from the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

6. TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION/EDUCATION [File No. CK 225-8]

The Committee Assistant advised that the Traffic Safety Committee, at its meeting held on June 14, 2016, resolved that 500 bicycle bells and 100 bicycle lights be purchased from the Communication/Education budget to a maximum of \$2,000, and that the remaining \$4,500 go toward the purchase of bicycle helmets. To date, 100 bicycle bells and 100 bicycle lights have been distributed by the Saskatoon Police Service Bike Unit. Sergeant D. Bryden advised that the \$4500 will purchase roughly 112 bike helmets and be distributed in Spring 2017.

The Committee discussed the distribution of the remaining bicycle bells.

Moved By C. Kuhnke

That the Traffic Safety Committee distribute the remaining bike bells as follows:

- That 120 bike bells be given to the Saskatoon Police Service Bike Unit to distribute with each bike helmet in Spring 2017;

- That 50 bike bells be distributed at the Hike, Bike, and Roll event held at the University of Saskatchewan on September 14, 2016; and
- That 230 bike bells be distributed to the grade 3 bike safety program in Spring 2017.

CARRIED

8. NEW ISSUES RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS [File No. CK 225-8]

8.1 Crosswalk on Clarence Avenue (S. Shannon)

Mr. Shannon informed the Committee that he had discussions with the Superintendent and Principle of Aden Bowman High School regarding a crosswalk solution on Clarence Avenue. There is no solution at this time.

Councillor Iwanchuk and Mr. Shannon excused themselves from the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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 an update regarding the outstanding issues raised at the June 14, 2016 meeting of the Committee.

Moved By A. Reichert

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. NEW ISSUES RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS [File No. CK 225-8]

8.3 Traffic Concerns (K. Claffey on behalf of Driving Instructors)

- Faithfull Avenue between 42nd and 51st Streets needs clearer signage and lane markings.
- 8th Street westbound to Clarence southbound needs lane designation sign nearer the intersection possibly on the traffic light indicating "This Lane Right Turn Only".
- Cumberland south of 8th Street – Is it one lane or two? Should be clearly marked.
- Circle Drive between 108th and Attridge – both directions merge and exit lanes should continue the full distance so you don't have to merge and then immediately exit. The same should be done northbound from Taylor to 8th Street.
- The overhead signs on south Circle Drive are not aligned over the lanes and is confusing.
- 22nd Street eastbound to Circle Drive northbound needs speed limit signs as soon as you enter Circle Drive.
- Circle Drive westbound to Warman Road southbound needs speed sign earlier.
- Thank you for the acceleration lanes from Hart Road to 22nd Street eastbound.
- Thank you for the One-Way signs on Auditorium Avenue near the mall.
- The Administration will review and provide a response where appropriate.

8.4 Traffic Concerns (A. Reichert on behalf of Saskatoon and District Safety Council)

- Bicycle lanes on 23rd Street and 4th Avenue - restricting access to the sidewalk for people with mobility problems.
- Left turns across traffic in the middle of the block to gain entrance to fast food or coffee establishments (i.e. McDonalds on 51st Street & Miller Avenue).

- The Administration noted the bike lanes downtown are a demonstration project and the City is aware of the mobility issues. They are currently working on a solution.
- The Administration noted the City is developing access management guidelines that will address left turns that are close to intersections.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Ms. C. Janzen, Chair

Ms. P. Walter, Committee Assistant