



**PUBLIC MINUTES
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**January 9, 2018, 8:49 am
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Ms. C. Janzen, Chair
Mr. S. Shannon, Vice Chair
Councillor S. Gersher
Mr. A. Anwar
Mr. J. Chan
Mr. K. Claffey
Mr. D. Cook
Mr. W. Gherasim
Mr. A. Kamboh
Mr. A. Reichert

ABSENT: Mr. B. Girling
Sergeant D. Hoover

ALSO PRESENT: Senior Transportation Engineer N. Baudais
Committee Assistant J. Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Committee Assistant called the meeting to order. Introductions were held.

1.1 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair [File No. CK 225-8]

The Committee Assistant advised that the Committee was requested to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair for 2018.

Ms. Cora Janzen was nominated for Chair and Mr. Steve Shannon was nominated for Vice Chair. No further nominations were received.

Moved By K. Claffey

That C. Janzen be appointed Chair and S. Shannon be appointed Vice Chair of the Traffic Safety Committee for 2018.

CARRIED

1.2 2018 Membership - Traffic Safety Committee [File No. CK 225-8]

The Committee Assistant reported that City Council, at its meeting held on November 20, 2017, adopted a recommendation of its Governance and Priorities Committee that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Traffic Safety Committee for the terms indicated:

For 2018:

Councillor S. Gersher

To the end of 2019:

Mr. Ammad Anwar, Public representative
Mr. Ken Claffey, Board of Education, Saskatoon Public Schools – Driver Education
Mr. Al Reichert, Saskatoon and District Safety Council
Mr. Steve Shannon, Board of Education, Saskatoon Public Schools – School Community Council Assembly

The following were previously appointed by City Council to the end of 2018:

Mr. David Cook, Public representative
Mr. Warren Gherasim, Public representative
Mr. Ahsan Kamboh, Public representative
Mr. Brock Girling, Saskatchewan Trucking Association
Ms. Cora Janzen, Saskatchewan Health Authority
Mr. Joseph Chan, SGI - Traffic Safety Promotion Division
Sergeant Dean Hoover, Saskatoon Police Service

Moved By K. Claffey

That the information be received.

CARRIED

1.3 Committee Process [File No. CK 225-8]

Deputy City Clerk Bryant was in attendance and provided an overview of committee structure and process. Ms. Bryant thanked the Committee for holding a special meeting in December with regard to the Advisory Committee Governance Review report, and noted that the matter will be

before the Governance and Priorities Committee at its February 20, 2018 meeting.

Moved By A. Reichert

That the information be received.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By A. Reichert

That the agenda be amended and approved to include a traffic safety concern as Item 8.1 raised by A. Kamboh.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By K. Claffey

1. That the minutes of regular meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee held on November 14, 2017, be adopted;
2. That the minutes of special meeting held on December 19, 2017 be amended to include an additional comment to the second last bullet point on Page 3 as follows: The TSC preference is to focus the language as well as the scope of the committee on transportation (Traffic = movement of all vehicles on a roadway. Transportation = action of transporting someone or something); and
3. That the minutes of special meeting of the Traffic Safety Committee held on December 19, 2017 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair reviewed the report which was submitted to the Governance and Priorities Committee with regard to the Governance Review of Advisory Committees. The Committee expressed its appreciation to the Chair for her work and effort put into preparing the report.

The Chair thanked Committee members for their commitment and providing their perspectives which were incorporated into the report.

Moved By J. Chan

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION/EDUCATION (File No. CK. 225-8)

It was noted that the Committee has a budget of \$6,500 for traffic safety education and awareness for 2018. As an advisory committee, the Traffic Safety Committee may provide education and awareness programs within its mandate, provided that the Administration is consulted prior to the implementation of each program to ensure there is no duplication of services, and that the proposed program supports the City's policies and programs relating to traffic safety. In the past the Committee has undertaken programs such as school zone safety public service ads, transit bus tailboard advertisements, talking/texting while driving billboard campaigns, a child car seat initiative, the purchase and distribution of bicycle bells and lights, as well as the purchase of bicycle helmets for distribution through the School Resource Officers.

The Committee discussed incorporating last year's "Do You See Me?" campaign into a different topic (e.g. cell phone use) or perhaps a broader topic such as distracted driving.

Reference was made to a calendar produced by SGI which highlights a particular theme each month for drivers to focus on, which could provide an idea for a topic for the Committee's campaign. J. Chan undertook to look into whether SGI has produced this calendar for 2018.

Discussion followed regarding contacting the Saskatoon Police Service to obtain information regarding last year's collision statistics. The Chair indicated she would speak with Sergeant Hoover in this regard.

Moved By S. Shannon

That further discussion on a 2018 initiative be considered at the February meeting.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Protected Bike Lane Demonstration Project - Evaluation and Next Steps [File No. CK 6000-5]

The Committee Assistant advised that City Council, at its Regular Business meeting held on November 20, 2017, considered the above report and resolved:

1. That a provision for protected bike lanes be included in the Downtown All Ages and Abilities cycling network;
2. That the Administration develop a Downtown All Ages and Abilities cycling network (including protected bike lanes) in concert with other downtown policy and planning initiatives in 2018;
3. That the existing protected bike lanes on 23rd Street (from Spadina Crescent to Idylwyld Drive) and 4th Avenue (from 20th Street to 24th Street) be retained until the Downtown All Ages and Abilities cycling network plan is presented to City Council;
4. That the report of the A/General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department dated November 6, 2017 be forwarded to the Traffic Safety Committee for information; and
5. That the Administration look at opportunities to improve egress from the parkade on 100 block of 4th Avenue South.

It was noted that the report was forwarded to the Traffic Safety Committee for its information.

Discussion followed and the following was noted from a safety perspective:

- There is a disadvantage for people with mobility problems to access the sidewalk due to the bike lanes.
- In other cities the lanes tend towards a straight and consistent direction, whereas the lanes in Saskatoon wind in a snake-like way.
- Sight lines at intersections and visibility are issues which need to be addressed.
- Signage needs to be intuitive for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Moved By A. Reichert

That the Chair write to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation regarding the protected bike lane demonstration project highlighting the safety concerns noted by the Traffic Safety Committee.

CARRIED

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

8.1 A. Kamboh – Merge Lanes

- Need for merge lanes when driving south on Boychuk Drive and turning right to merge onto Highway 16, and also the same concern on Airport Drive driving south and merging on to Circle Drive (west).

Discussion followed with regard to whether there was a policy respecting merge lane length. The Administration advised in these circumstances there usually is a yield sign so motorists know to stop and then proceed; if there is an acceleration lane then a merge sign is placed. The Administration undertook to add this traffic concern to the online map which the public may access to submit traffic concerns for review. For the Committee's information this tool may be accessed at www.saskatoon.ca/trafficissuesmap.

Moved By J. Chan

That the matter be referred to the Administration to be included on the Report a Traffic Issue Map with other public comments under review.

CARRIED

The Administration advised that the Neighbourhood Traffic Review (NTR) Program for 2018 will be starting public meetings next week beginning with Eastview/Nutana Suburban Centre NTR and College Park/East College Park NTR. The program considers safety issues and traffic calming measures. Additional information is available at www.saskatoon.ca/NTR.

It was also noted that a stakeholder bike lane session with regard to the Downtown All Ages and Abilities Cycling Network will be held later in January. A. Reichert and D. Cook expressed interest in attending the session on behalf of the Traffic Safety Committee. The Administration undertook to forward additional information in this regard.

Moved By J. Chan

That the information be received.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Ms. C. Janzen, Chair

Ms. J. Fast, Committee Assistant