

Dundonald Neighbourhood Traffic Review

Thursday, June 15, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

St Peter School (202 Sumner Crescent)

Facilitators:

- Kathy Dahl (Great Works Consulting)

City of Saskatoon Representatives:

- Chelsea Lanning, Goran Lazic, Mariniel Flores, Danae Balogun

Agenda

- Welcome & introductions
- Presentation from the Transportation Division
- Small group discussions
- Small group discussions – report back to large group
- Next Steps
- Questions/Answers

Presentation from Transportation Division – Dundonald Neighbourhood Traffic Review

(Presented by Chelsea Lanning – Transportation Engineer)

Presentation Outline:

- Neighbourhood Traffic Review Process
- Dundonald Review Schedule
- Sources of Information
- Concerns Received
- Examples of Traffic Calming & Pedestrian Safety Devices

Neighbourhood Review Process:

- **August 2013** – New process; neighbourhood review vs issue by issue; eight neighbourhoods reviewed per year
- **Mandate** – Reduce & calm traffic, improve safety within neighbourhoods
- **2014** – 11 neighbourhoods
- **2015** – 8 neighbourhoods
- **2016** – 8 neighbourhoods
- **2017** – Buena Vista, Queen Elizabeth / Exhibition, Pleasant Hill, Wildwood, Silverwood Heights, Richmond Heights / North Park, Erindale / Arbour Creek, Dundonald

Study Area:

- 37th Street (north), Junor Avenue (east), 33rd Street West (south), Hughes Drive (west)

Timeline for Dundonald Review:

- **Stage 1** – Identify issues & possible solutions through community consultation (June to fall 2017/early 2018)
- **Stage 2** – Develop a draft traffic plan (fall 2017/early 2018)
- **Stage 3** – Present draft traffic plan to community for feedback (fall 2017/early 2018)
- **Stage 4** – Implement the changes over time (as early as spring 2018)

Sources of Information:

- Past Studies
- Collision Analysis
- Feedback from Public Consultation
- Traffic Counts & Assessments

Concerns Received:

- Speeding – George Road, Hunt Road, Junor Avenue, Latrace Road, Nesbit Crescent

Traffic Calming Devices (Examples of devices used in Saskatoon):

1. Speed Display Boards
2. Raised Median Island – narrows road; provides center refuge for pedestrians
3. Curb Extensions – narrows road
4. Roundabouts
5. Diverter – used to address high traffic volumes
6. Right-in/right-out island – used to address high traffic volumes
7. Directional Closure – restrict movements onto the street from one direction
8. Raised median through intersection – restrict movements
9. Full closure

Pedestrian Devices:

1. Standard crosswalk
2. Zebra crosswalk (striped pavement markings)
3. Active pedestrian corridor (flashing yellow lights)
4. Pedestrian-activated signal

Saskatoon Police Services: 306-975-8300 OR 306-975-8068 to report a traffic complaint or a concern.

Small Group Discussions

- Breakout into small groups to discuss traffic concerns in Dundonald and potential solutions

Group 1: Mariniel Flores

- Latrace Road:

- speeding/shortcutting (excessive traffic volume, not just local traffic) to get to Claypool Drive or north end or to get to Kensington/Walmart
- Possible Solution: Extend Claypool Dr to Dalmeny Rd to reduce traffic on Latrace Rd.
- Racing on Latrace Rd because it is wide (7pm – 10pm)
- Buses are speeding
- Speed bumps have been effective and inexpensive – want them on Latrace Rd
- More enforcement (at different times of the day)
- 3-way stop at Latrace Rd & Wedge Rd
- 3-way stop at Latrace Rd & 33rd St
- More education about aggressive driving
- Speed display board
- Safety for children
- Elk Point will increase traffic on Latrace Rd and it's noisy (what is the timing of Claypool Dr extension?)
- Install traffic calming (median/curb extensions; minimize parking restriction required for traffic calming)
- Don't want this to be a commuter road – need to address concerns
- Pedestrian devices at Wedge Rd & Latrace Rd or standard crosswalk
- Interested about Claypool Dr extension, Elk Point, extension of McClocklin Rd
- Maybe photo radar on Latrace
- High school speeding
- Littering from high school kids
- Wedge Rd – buses speeding (should think of giving them more time – schedule-wise)
- No good way to bike out of Dundonald – no good connections to downtown
- Wedge Rd & George Rd – bad corner
- Excessive volumes on Hunt Rd
- Many semis/work trucks (gravel trucks) on Latrace Rd (shortcutting through) which cause a lot of debris

Group 2: Danae Balogun

- George Rd – why are they on that road?
- Speed humps don't always work – car parts in front yard
- George Rd has the curb extensions, but they don't feel that they have slowed traffic down
- 30kph zone along George, but not along parks.
- Liked having the flashing speed sign, but not seen as a long term measure
- How does new neighbourhood development affect existing neighbourhood traffic and the increase in traffic
- Calgary puts in the infrastructure first
- Boundary on the leaflet
- 22nd St – reduce to 60kph

- Police radar – but not viewed as a solution long-term
- Don't feel safe to let kids bike on streets
- Not sure if the speed signs would increase or decrease speeds
- People slide through stop sign at Wedge Rd
- Not sure how the traffic calming treatments would work
- Group home at Lennon Cr & Latrace Rd (N)
- Fast speeds turning into Lennon Cr (S) off of Latrace Rd
- Portable speed camera – keep track of speed and have the data for the speeds
- Speed study to capture speeds
- Pedestrian crossing proposed across George Rd from pathway midblock between Wedge Rd and Makaroff Rd
- Pedestrian activated signals proposed at George Rd & Macaroff Rd and George Rd & Kirkpatrick Cr. Also some sight line issues due to trees at George Rd & Kirkpatrick Cr.
- Speeding/fast turn from Wedge Rd north-west bound onto George Rd north-east bound
- Pedestrian crossing with curb extensions on Hughes Rd is very narrow.
- Suggest:
 - Speed study along Latrace Rd and George Rd
 - Ped crossings that are heavily used for school aged children that could be improved
 - Consider traffic impacts as Elk Point develops.

Group 3: Chelsea Lanning

- Why is there a 'No Stopping' zone across from St Peters School and Dundonald School?
- Junor Ave & 37th St 4-way stop is really busy. No lanes marked for through and turn movements and people aren't sure if it is supposed to be 2 lanes. Maybe install lane markings or designation signs.
- Speeding on George Rd
- Kids have trouble crossing George Rd at Makaroff Rd. Could an active pedestrian corridor be considered?
- Turning off George Rd onto Wedge Rd is difficult.
 - Also pedestrian safety issues here.
 - Parking on Wedge Rd near George Rd Stop & Go makes it hard to see.
 - Location of the end of the school zone makes it hard to judge the speed of oncoming traffic.
- Hunt Rd, George Rd, and Latrace Rd are being used to cut through to the north end (Claypool Dr)
- 33rd St from Ave W to Confederation drive is really busy.
- Wedge Rd has improved since the opening of Claypool Dr.
- Shortcutting and speeding from George Rd to McCann Way to Nixon Cr
- 37th Street speed bumps – people are trying to avoid the speed humps. Check to make sure signage is there. People are driving on the sidewalk to avoid them

- Some would like to see speed humps removed from Hughes Dr, others wouldn't. Some would like to see them added to Latrace Rd.
- Curb extensions proposed at Latrace Rd & Wedge Rd, and Latrace Rd & Flavelle Cr (N)
- George Rd – speeding and collisions near Macaroff Rd. Maybe a speed display board here & stop sign at Macaroff Rd instead of yield. Look into active pedestrian corridor.
- Busses speeding on George Rd
- Look into 3-way stop at Wedge Rd & George Rd

Next Steps

1. Continue monitoring traffic issues in your neighbourhood
2. Mail-in or email comments no later than July 15, 2017
3. Additional public input via City on-line Community Engagement webpage no later than July 15, 2017

<http://shapingsaskatoon.ca/discussions>

4. Traffic count data collection, analysis
5. Develop recommendations and prepare draft traffic plan
6. Follow-up public meeting to provide input on draft plan
7. Determine revisions and finalize traffic plan
8. Present traffic plan to City Council for approval

Question & Answer

Resident: How do we know about follow-up meeting?

Kathy: Flyers will be delivered like last time. Councillor and community Association have also helped advertise in the past.

Resident: You should do the counts when school is in.

City: Some counts will be completed in summer and some in school season (Sept/Oct)

Resident: Do Latrace Rd counts when school year is in session because of high school traffic.

City: Thank-you for that information. When we are counting you can expect to see tubes on ground and cameras installed and this information will be reviewed.