

North Park / Richmond Heights Neighbourhood Traffic Review
Thursday, April 25, 2017, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Ecole St. Paul Elementary School (1527 Alexandra Ave)

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Presentation from Transportation Division
3. Small Group Discussions & Report Back to Large Group
4. Next Steps
5. Large Group Discussion – Questions & Answers

1. Welcome & Introductions

(Presented by Mitch Riabko and Kathy Dahl, Facilitators)

2. Presentation from Transportation Division – North Park / Richmond Heights Neighbourhood Traffic Review

(Presented by Mariniel Flores, P.Eng., Transportation Engineer)

- Presentation Outline
 - Neighbourhood Traffic Review Process
 - North Park / Richmond Heights Review Schedule
 - Sources of Information
 - Past Concerns Received
 - Description of Traffic Calming & Pedestrian Safety Devices
 - Corridor Reviews & Major Intersection Reviews
- Neighbourhood Traffic Review Process
 - August 2013 – New process
 - Mandate – Improve road safety for all road users within neighbourhoods, reduce traffic volumes, slow vehicular speeds, improve pedestrian crossings & intersections where necessary
 - 2014 – Reviewed 11 neighbourhoods
 - 2015 – Reviewed 8 neighbourhoods
 - 2016 – Reviewed 8 neighbourhoods
 - 2017 – North Park / Richmond Heights, Silverwood Heights, Pleasant Hill, Dundonald, Buena Vista / Exhibition / Queen Elizabeth, Wildwood, Erindale / Arbor Creek
- North Park / Richmond Heights Review Schedule
 - Stage 1 – Identify issues & possible solutions through community consultation (April to Fall 2017)
 - Stage 2 – Develop a draft traffic plan
 - Stage 3 – Present draft traffic plan to community for feedback (Fall 2017)
 - Stage 4 – Implement changes over time (Beginning Spring 2018)
- Sources of Information

- Past studies
- Collision analysis
- Feedback from public consultation
- Traffic counts & assessments
- Past Concerns Received
 - Speeding/Shortcutting – Hazen St, Oxford St, Windsor St
 - Pedestrian Safety – Windsor St, Edward Ave
 - Missing Sidewalks – Balmoral St, Windsor St
 - Warman Rd & Hazen St
- Traffic Calming Devices
 - Speed Display Board
 - Curb Extension
 - Raised Median Island
 - Roundabout
 - Diverter
 - Right In / Right Out Island
 - Directional Closure
 - Raised Median Through Intersection
 - Full Closure
- Pedestrian Devices
 - Standard Crosswalk
 - Zebra Crosswalk
 - Active Pedestrian Corridor
 - Pedestrian Actuated Signal
- Corridor Reviews & Major Intersection Reviews
 - Created to address issues at intersections along arterial streets as Neighbourhood Traffic Reviews addresses local and collector streets within neighbourhoods
 - Recommendations will be identified and projects will be prioritized for funding approval
 - Report will be presented to City Council

3. Table Group Discussions

- Residents were divided into groups to discuss traffic concerns in North Park / Richmond Heights and potential solutions
- Group 1: Lanre Akindipe (City Facilitator)
 - 7th Ave
 - Speeding from Warman Rd
 - Full of potholes
 - Balmoral St
 - Speeding to link to 7th Ave

- Missing sidewalks. Enough space south of Balmoral St.
 - Pavement markings missing
 - Oxford St
 - Shortcutting to avoid Spadina Cres
 - Spadina Cres
 - Speeding because there are no stops. Install a stop sign on Spadina Cres to reduce speeding at Windsor St.
 - Pedestrian safety concerns crossing Spadina Cres
 - Speed display boards are good. Install a speed display board on Spadina Cres.
 - Oxford St & Empress Ave
 - Safety concerns
 - Traffic delays
 - Spadina Cres & 33rd St
 - Install pedestrian flashing lights (solar powered) to alert drivers
 - 33rd St
 - Roads are in poor condition
 - General
 - Why does the City detour traffic off 33rd St onto Oxford St? Why not onto Balmoral St?
 - Increased parking due to new developments. They should force developers to provide parking on their property.
 - Tree roots growing under sidewalks close to 7th Ave & 33rd St
 - Provide update on 33rd St bridge
 - What will be constructed in place of the building at 7th Ave & Windsor St? It might increase traffic volumes in the neighbourhood.
- Group 2: Yang Li (City Facilitator)
 - Warman Rd & Hazen St
 - Unsafe for people making left turn onto Warman Rd
 - Cars that make right turns from Hazen St onto Warman Rd treat the outer lane on Warman Rd as a dedicated right turn lane (added lane) without yielding and it creates hazards and conflicts when northbound cars are merging to the outer lane. Formalize the curb lane as a right turn dedicated lane for westbound right-turning traffic.
 - Princes of Wales & Windsor St
 - Northbound and southbound traffic doesn't yield. Upgrade to a stop sign.
 - Spadina Cres & 33rd St
 - What is the timeline for the roundabout?
 - 33rd St & Warman Rd
 - Delay for eastbound left turning traffic and queue is very long. Review this intersection.
 - 7th Ave & 33rd St
 - Cars accelerate at the stop sign and makes noise

- Warman Rd & 7th Ave
 - Northbound right-turning traffic has significant long delays and queues
- General
 - Lack of sidewalk in this area. Sidewalks have to be built on those west-east streets to connect Spadina Cres and surrounding school (east side of Edward Ave)
 - Does City have plans to install new signals on Warman Rd?
- Group 3: Mariniel Flores (City Facilitator)
 - Balmoral St
 - Missing sidewalks
 - Windsor St
 - Missing sidewalks on both sides where there is an arena and high-density residential
 - Spadina Cres
 - Missing sidewalks along west side from 33rd St to the weir
 - Speeding. More enforcement needed. Traffic calming (e.g., curb extensions) could be installed.
 - Speed bumps can be installed
 - Increased traffic volumes
 - Drivers are cruising along Spadina Crescent. Suggested one-way in the southbound direction. However, this would limit access.
 - Loud vehicles 24/7
 - Crosswalks along Spadina Crescent needs traffic calming
 - Would like a pedestrian device (Active Pedestrian Corridor or Pedestrian Actuated Signal) at all intersections along Spadina Crescent
 - Spadina Cres & 33rd St
 - Crosswalk needs to be more visible. Could be upgraded to a zebra crosswalk.
 - Most eastbound right-turning vehicles are looking for oncoming vehicles rather than pedestrians and are not yielding.
 - Crosswalk is well-used but is difficult for adults and children to cross
 - Would like a pedestrian device (Active Pedestrian Corridor or Pedestrian Actuated Signal)
 - Balmoral St & Empress Ave
 - Missing sidewalk
 - Drivers are speeding and not stopping for pedestrians
 - Spadina Cres & Pembina Ave
 - Would like a pedestrian device (Active Pedestrian Corridor or Pedestrian Actuated Signal)
 - 7th Avenue
 - Wide and lots of traffic from Warman Rd. Allow southbound left-turns at Warman Rd & 33rd St.

- Install traffic calming at pedestrian crossings along 7th Ave and along Windsor St
 - Difficult to get onto sidewalk because there are missing curb cuts on the south corners to the paddling pool
 - Sidewalk and roads in poor condition
- Back alley west of Spadina Cres
 - Speeding
 - Shortcutting
 - Install signs (“Residents Only” signs, speed limit signs)
- Prince of Wales
 - Missing sidewalks on both sides
- Spadina Cres & Prince of Wales
 - Install pedestrian device with lights
- Spadina Cres & Windsor St
 - Install pedestrian device with lights
- Ecole St. Paul Elementary School
 - Missing sidewalks around school along Edward Ave and along Windsor St
- 33rd St
 - It would be nice if the 33rd Street multi-use pathway would be complete up to Idylwyld Drive
 - Westbound vehicles speeding
- 33rd St & 7th Ave
 - Cyclist transition from multi-use pathway to 7th Avenue could be improved. Install traffic calming.
- Osborne Ave between 7th Ave & 8th Ave
 - There is a bus stop with no sidewalk present
- Warman Rd & Hazen St
 - Pedestrian crossing concerns. Signal suggested.
- Warman Rd & 33rd St
 - Drivers ignore pedestrian light. Construct an overpass.
- Weir
 - Close weir parking lot earlier
 - Parking concerns at the weir
- 1300 block of Edward Ave
 - Parking concerns
- General
 - Implement reduced speed limits (40 km/h or lower). It might not be practical since it is difficult to enforce.
 - More police presence needed during am peak hours and weekends to ticket recreational drivers that are stunting

4. Next Steps

(Presented by Mariniel Flores, P.Eng., Transportation Engineer)

1. Continue monitoring traffic issues in your neighbourhood

2. Mail-in or email comments no later than May 26, 2017
3. Additional public input via City on-line Community Engagement webpage no later than May 26, 2017 at <http://shapingsaskatoon.ca/discussions/north-park-slash-richmond-heights-neighbourhood-traffic-review>
4. Traffic & pedestrian data collection, analysis
5. Develop recommendations and prepare draft Traffic Plan
6. Follow-up public input meeting to provide input on draft Traffic Plan
7. Determine revisions and finalize Traffic Plan
8. Present Traffic Plan to City Council for approval

5. Large Group Discussion – Questions & Answers

- Resident: Multi-use pathway along 1500 block of Warman Rd to 33rd St is narrow with obstructions on the side
 - Councillor Hill: Not large enough for cyclists and pedestrians
- Resident: There are pedestrian crossing concerns at 33rd St & Spadina Cres. A roundabout was brought up in the past. Is it still on?
 - City: It is one of the phases of the 33rd St Multi-Use Corridor Master Plan but there is no funding at this time.
- Resident: There are trees or high obstructions in the middle of roundabouts. It should not be there as it obstructs visibility.
- Resident: Collect traffic data in the summer especially on 7th Ave and Spadina Cres
- Councillor Hill: I don't support the 33rd St bridge
- Resident: Will North Commuter Parkway and Traffic bridges decrease traffic volumes in the area?
 - Councillor Hill: It should. The bridges will be complete by October 2018.
- Resident: Improvements need to be made to 33rd St & Warman Rd intersection
- Resident: Concerned about new development at Warman Rd & 7th Ave creating more traffic. Where are vehicles going to park?
- Resident: Will a pedestrian/cyclist facility be included in the hydropower facility?
 - Councillor Hill: That is being discussed

List of Representatives

- Mitch Riabko, Kathy Dahl – Great Works Consulting, Facilitators
- Mariniel Flores – City of Saskatoon, Transportation & Utilities, P.Eng., Transportation Engineer

- Lanre Akindipe – City of Saskatoon, Transportation & Utilities, P.Eng.,
Transportation Engineer
- Yang Li – City of Saskatoon, Transportation & Utilities, Engineer-in-Training,
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