

CITY OF SASKATOON

Pacific Heights / Kensington Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 19th, 2019

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Father Vachon School Gym (3722 Centennial Drive, Saskatoon)

Attendees:

Name	Position
Kathy Dahl	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Mitch Riabko	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Justine Marcoux	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer Project Manager
Nathalie Baudais	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Marina Melchiorre	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer

Items:

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation from the Transportation Division

(Presented by Justine Marcoux – Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – September 19, 2019

Saskatoon Police Service

306-975-8300 OR 306-975-8068 to report a traffic complaint or a concern

Small Group Discussions

Residents were divided into small groups to discuss the draft traffic plan recommendations.

Group 1: Marina Melchiorre

- Most recommendations were well-received. There were comments on the following items:

- Item #1 (Active Pedestrian Corridor at Diefenbaker Dr & Vanier Cres) – Stop line needs to be painted for an Active Pedestrian Corridor
- Item #6 (Parking restrictions at Centennial Dr & Palliser Link) – Add restrictions on all corners. Also add restrictions at Childers Cres.
- Item #11 (Cul-De-Sac sign at Childers Cove) – Won't work. It's people making U-turns to park on west side of Childers Cres.
- Kensington Blvd & Hassard – trim trees to see pedestrians in crosswalk
- Diefenbaker Dr crossing between two ponds – enhance the crossing

Group 2: Nathalie Baudais

- Item #2 & #4 (Diefenbaker Dr Speed Boards) – Encourages distracted driving. Not effective. Don't have trees in front of it and move closer to Steeves Ave. Drivers become complacent.
- Item #5 (Zebra crosswalk and curb extension at Centennial Dr & Tache Cres) – Don't agree. There are disabled children here that need to be dropped off at entrance. Enforcement needed at 8:30am. U-turns are terrible.
- Item #9 (median island at Kensington Blvd & Labine Cres) – No pavement to crosswalk or ramp (same at Kensington Pl). Some support, one person opposed.
- Centennial Dr narrows in Kensington.
- Centennial Dr needs quick snow clearing.
- Notification was insufficient, messaging is unclear.
- Enforcement for rules of the road is needed.
- When will the pathway between Save-On-Foods and 22nd St be finished?
- Remove paved crosswalks on Centennial Dr.
- 22nd St between Hart Rd & Kensington is a race track.
- The Westgate Alliance Church school zone should be shortened.

Group 3: Justine Marcoux

- Item #3 (Stop Ahead & street name signs at Diefenbaker & Steeves) – drivers aren't stopping. Can't see the stop signs. More needs to be done. Maybe a curb extension with stop signs to make them more visible.
- Item #5 (Centennial Dr & Tache Cres) – check parking restrictions. Can't see.
- Item #6 (Parking restrictions at Centennial Dr & Palliser Link) – extend parking restrictions and add to all corners. Install zebra crosswalk and maybe curb extension. Vehicles are parked for more than 72 hours.
- Item #7b (remove planters on median on Kensington Blvd) – Not sure. Don't want to promote jaywalking.

- Item #8 (Kensington Blvd & Hassard/Palliser Way) – Some support. Maybe install an RRFB instead.
- Childers Terrace – Same drivers speeding around Childers daily.
- Centennial Dr – paved crosswalks are in bad shape and need to be maintained or removed.
- Diefenbaker Dr – road resurfacing had made road worse. Annual pavement markings need to be better coordinated with resurfacing projects.

Next Steps

1. Mail-in or email comments no later than October 19th, 2019.
2. Additional public input via City Engage Page no later than October 19th, 2019.
3. Additional consultation if required.
4. Present traffic plan to Standing Policy Committee on Transportation as information.
5. If City Council approval is required for a recommendation (e.g. road closure), a recommendation will be included in the report for City Council approval.
6. What if I don't agree?

Question and Answer

Resident: Need to reach out to Community Associations and Councillors about providing input.

Resident: How is our feedback used? Will it change the outcome of the plan?

City: The plan will change based on the input received at this meeting and any additional comments received through the engagement page or sent in.

Resident: Speeding on Diefenbaker Dr (westbound) after Laurier / Diefenbaker Dr because drivers need to wait so long at the traffic signal. Tweak the signal timing.

Resident: Centennial Dr has issues with detours.

Resident: We have issues with snow clearing on Childers Cres. Who can we call about this?

City: Roadways Fleet Support (306-975-2476)

Resident: There are some school zones that are very long. Is there a policy for length?

City: Typically 200m but school zones are currently under review.

Resident: Is the distance that a school is from the street also being reviewed? Some schools are set so far back. Why is there a need to reduce the speed limit here?

City: That is also one of the criteria being looked at in the review. In addition to type of street, whether it's high school or elementary etc.