

Silverwood Heights Neighbourhood Traffic Review
Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Marion Graham Collegiate (602 Lenore Drive)

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 – Silverwood Heights Neighbourhood Traffic Review

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

- Presentation Outline
 - Neighbourhood Traffic Review Process
 - Silverwood 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, and improve pedestrian crossings & intersections where necessary
 - 2014 – Reviewed 11 neighbourhoods
 - 2015 – Reviewed 8 neighbourhoods
 - 2016 – Reviewed 8 neighbourhoods
 - 2017 – Silverwood Heights, Pleasant Hill, North Park / Richmond Heights, Dundonald, Buena Vista, Exhibition / Queen Elizabeth, Wildwood, Erindale / Arbor Creek
- Silverwood Heights Review Schedule
 - Stage 1 – Identify issues & possible solutions through community consultation (May 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 – Nordstrum Road, Adilman Road, Goerzen Street, Molloy Street, School Zones, Molloy Street, Silverwood Road, Wanuskewin Road, Whiteswan Drive
 - Pedestrian Safety – Georzen Street, Molloy Street & Broadbent Avenue, Whiteswan Drive
 - 51st Street East / Lenore Drive & Warman Road / Wanuskewin Road
 - Lenore Drive & Cree Crescent
 - Lenore Drive & Russell Road
 - Wanuskewin Road & Independent Grocery Store access
- 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. Small Group Discussions

- Residents were divided into small groups to discuss traffic concerns in Silverwood Heights and potential solutions
- Group 1: Marina Melchiorre (City Facilitator)

- Goerzen Street
 - Vehicles turning off of Wanuskewin Road are speeding
- Nordstrum Road
 - Speeds too high along curve in the winter, install speed bumps
 - 30 kph sign in the alley on Allegretto Way and Court is not working
- Nordstrum Road & Russell Road
 - Poor sightlines for southbound traffic
 - Concerns for eastbound traffic
- 51st Street & Warman Road
 - Want countdown timers
- Park on Verbeke Road
 - Speeding between Verbeke Place and Gathercole Crescent
 - Wants speed bumps or reduced speed
 - Concerns with crossing at the multi-use pathway
- Bain Crescent & Molloy Street
 - Speeding between Silverwood Road and Russell Road
 - High speed around corner of the intersection
 - Wants speed bumps
- Meilicke Road & Russell Road
 - Leave all-way stop as is
- Adilman Road
 - Concerned about lane designation for westbound turns
- Roborecki Crescent
 - Too much school traffic connecting to Lenore Drive and Russell Road
- Wanuskewin Road
 - Why are trucks now allowed on Wanuskewin Road north of Lenore Drive?
- General
 - Wants 40 kph speed limits in residential areas
- Group 2: Mariniel Flores (City Facilitator)
 - Whiteswan Drive & Silverwood Road
 - Lots of traffic
 - Speeding at curve, collect speed data at the bottom of the hill
 - Dangerous for children as vehicles are making sharp right turns
 - Speed bumps suggested
 - Need crosswalk at the pathway
 - Need speed bumps at all crosswalks
 - Need more zebra crosswalks
 - Russell Road & Adilman Drive
 - 3-way stop suggested
 - Meilicke Road
 - Drag strip
 - Driveways are damaged due to this street being a bus route
 - Collisions due to speeding

- Potential congestion as it is also an emergency route
 - Not wide enough to accommodate parking and buses
- School Zones
 - School zone hours should be extended from 7:30am to dusk, longer in the summer when there are children's activities
 - Install a median jersey barrier to prevent u-turns and jaywalking along Silverwood Road and Russell Road
 - Install solar-powered flashing lights to show when school zone hours are in effect
 - More education needed to show that school zone hours are in effect during holidays
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- Adilman Drive
 - Speeding
- Lenore Drive & Whiteswan Drive
 - 3-way stop suggested
- Russell Road & Meilicke Road
 - Vehicles are not stopping fully at this 3-way stop
- Molloy Street & Bain Crescent
 - Blind spot
- Lenore Drive & Cree Crescent
 - Vehicles are making eastbound u-turns to avoid congestion at Wanuskewin Road & Lenore Drive so prohibit eastbound u-turns to improve traffic flow
 - Longer left-turn lane needed
 - Increase fines
- Active Pedestrian Corridor on Lenore Drive
 - Speeding and u-turns
- Bishop James Mahoney High School
 - Jaywalking
 - Increase enforcement and education
 - Many vehicles are crossing the single solid yellow line to turn
- Whiteswan Drive
 - Install a walkway on the south side of Whiteswan Drive far from the traffic lane
- Russell Road
 - Vehicles passing on the right at Girgulis Crescent, south of Adilman Drive and when vehicles are turning into their driveways, particularly at 120 Russell Road
- Russell Road & Girgulis Crescent
 - Speed display board is obstructed by trees
- Davies Road
 - Near misses due to shortcutting and speeding at the corner
- 51st Street & Warman Road
 - Vehicles can't see when they are completing left-turns
 - Collisions

- Improve visibility by removing median and lining up left-turns (slotted left-turns)
- Warman Road & Circle Drive
 - Poor lane designation signs
- General
 - Vehicles don't yield at curb extensions
 - There are many aggressive drivers
 - Parks should be enforcement all the time
 - Need playground zones
 - Many senior pedestrians as there are many care homes along Adilman Road and Silverwood Road
 - Graters take out low medians
 - Need variable message boards during snow storms
 - Need better placement of street name plates on traffic lights
 - Educate drivers about the difference between added lanes and merging

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 June 16, 2017
3. Additional public input via City on-line Community Engagement webpage no later than June 16, 2017 at
<http://shapingsaskatoon.ca/discussions/silverwood-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

- Councillor Donauer: How will residents be notified about the follow-up meeting?
 - Facilitator: Flyers will be mailed out and will also be sent to the Community Association. Those on a mailing list can be notified as well.

List of Representatives

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