

CITY OF SASKATOON

Briarwood Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 15th, 2019

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Elim Church (419 Slimmon Road, Saskatoon)

Attendees:

Name	Position
Kathy Dahl	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Mitch Riabko	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Chelsea Lanning	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer Project Manager
Nathalie Baudais	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Marina Melchiorre	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Mariniel Flores	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
David LeBoutillier	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineering Manager
Sarina Gersher	City Councillor Ward 8
Patrick Barbar	Saskatoon Police Service, Traffic Unit Staff Sergeant

Items:

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation from the Transportation Division

(Presented by Chelsea Lanning – Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – October 15, 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

- Briargate Road & 8th Street Traffic Signals
 - People are avoiding the intersection and using Boychuk Drive and Briarwood Road instead.
- Taylor Street
 - Residents would like a multi-use path on the north side.
- 8th Street
 - Residents would like a multi-use path on both sides.
- Bayfield Crescent & Briarwood Road
 - Northwest parking is too close to the corners.
- Banyan Way
 - Maintenance hole covers are too high.
- Briargate Road & Briarwood Road
 - Southbound stop compliance is low.
- Briarwood Pond
 - Walking path doesn't go around the lake.
- Snow clearance needed on lakeside near Briarwood.
- Glad the staff listened to us.

Group 2: Nathalie Baudais

- Briargate Road & Bayview Crescent median island and crosswalk
 - The south side is a good location.
- Briargate Road between Bayview Crescent north & south legs Speed Display Board
 - Northbound would be better.
 - Southbound traffic will be slowed by the median island recommended to the north and the curve.
- Briarwood Road between Beechmont Crescent & Brookdale Crescent Speed Display Board
 - More enforcement activities requested.
 - Suggest having it northbound before Brookdale Crescent.
- Briargate Road & 8th Street Traffic Signals
 - It is difficult to make the northbound left, but it has been a bit easier since Wess Road is closed.
- Briarwood Road & Briargate Road
 - Non-compliance with stop sign is high.
 - More enforcement is needed.
- Wess Road
 - Adding trees might help cut down on noise issues.
- Briarwood Road
 - Playground zone requested by the community centre.
- 8th Street and Rail Grade Separation
 - Concerns about noise once the road is elevated.
- Bayview Close and anyone backing 8th Street

- Concerns with noise from 8th Street.
- Will a sound wall be included as part of the 8th Street construction?
- 8th Street
 - Speed enforcement is needed in summer.
 - Muscle cars make U-turns at Wess Road.
- Briargate Road, Briarwood Road, and Briarvale Road
 - High maintenance hole covers are an issue for drivers.
- Bayfield Crescent
 - Stop signs are needed for condo unit driveways.

Group 3: David LeBoutillier

- Briargate Road & Bayview Crescent median island and crosswalk
 - There are lots of people at this crossing including children.
 - Would prefer zebra markings.
 - Majority of people are crossing on the north side to the pathway in the park and the bus stop, so the north side may be better for installation.
- Briarwood Road between Beechmont Crescent & Brookdale Crescent Speed Display Board
 - Request pedestrian ramps on both sides and a crosswalk.
 - There are lots of bikes in the summer using this crossing, lots of pedestrians also. It's really hard to cross the curbs.
- Briarwood Road Centerline Painting
 - Don't think this will do anything to calm traffic, but it's not a bad idea.
 - Eastbound traffic seems fast.
 - Kids are crossing the street at bus stops.
- Briargate Road Centerline Painting
 - This won't hurt and might help with speeding.
- Briarvale Road Centerline Painting
 - Can't hurt.
- Briargate Road & 8th Street Traffic Signals
 - Don't want to wait for five or more years.
 - A short-term solution is needed to reduce speeds on 8th Street.
 - Suggestion for a 3-way stop.
- Briarwood Road east of Briargate Road
 - Windrows from snow plowing in the winter along the park and parking lane need to be removed to permit access to the community centre.
- Wess Road
 - In the future, when Wess Road closes, need to be careful with shortcutting traffic on Briarvale Road.

Group 4: Mariniel Flores

- Briargate Road & Bayview Crescent median island and crosswalk –
 - Supportive of the crosswalk because it connects to the park.
 - Some group members supportive of the median island, some are not because snow makes median islands difficult to see.

- Better snow removal is needed around these islands.
 - Permanent concrete islands should have a mountable tip.
- Briarwood Road & Beechmont Crescent Curb Extensions & Pedestrian Ramp
 - Supportive of this recommendation because it connects parks.
 - Suggest that the standard crosswalk should be upgraded to a zebra crosswalk.
- Briarwood Road between Beechmont Crescent & Brookdale Crescent Speed Display Board
 - Residents would like a mid-block zebra crossing.
 - There are northbound speeders here too.
 - Suggest placing this speed display board north of recommendation #3 (before the park) instead.
- Briarwood Road & Beechdale Crescent/Brookshire Crescent Crosswalk & Median Island
 - Supportive of the recommendations.
 - Suggest that the permanent median islands have rolled curb or be semi-mountable.
- Briarvale Road Centerline Painting
 - Supportive of the centerline painting, but the road is too bumpy and needs to be leveled.
 - Wonder if the street is too narrow to paint.
- Briargate Road & 8th Street Traffic Signals
 - Supportive if loop detectors for northbound left turn vehicles and pedestrians are installed.
- Wess Road
 - Keep it open since it reduces shortcutting in the neighbourhood.
- Briarwood Road at Briargate Road
 - Impassable due to snow. High priority for snow clearing.
 - Trees or a temporary snow fence should be considered to prevent snowdrift.
- Briarwood Road at Brookmore Crescent
 - A bus shelter is needed on the northwest corner on Briarwood Road.
- Briarwood Road at Blackthorn Crescent
 - A bus shelter is needed on the northeast corner.
- Boychuk Drive and Briarwood Road
 - Vehicles don't see pedestrians and cyclists crossing here due to the service box and shrub obstructing visibility.
- Boychuk Drive
 - Trees close to the main road.
 - Repave northbound traffic lanes.
- 8th Street from Boychuk Drive to Wess Road
 - Sidewalk or pathway is needed.

Group 5: Chelsea Lanning

- Briargate Road & Bayview Crescent median island and crosswalk
 - Support the recommendation, but there is a missing sidewalk on the west side between Braeside View and Bayview Crescent north leg that is requested.
- Briargate Road between Bayview Crescent north & south legs Speed Display Board
 - Canoe and kayak classes park here, so make sure that the installation is visible.
- Briarwood Road & Beechmont Crescent Curb Extensions & Pedestrian Ramp
 - Lots of kids cross here, so decreasing the speed would be good to increase their safety.
- Briarwood Road between Beechmont Crescent & Brookdale Crescent Speed Display Board
 - Lots of pedestrians crossing between the two parks.
 - There is nothing to indicate high pedestrian area right now.
 - Residents would like to see a crosswalk at midblock crossing since pathway is on both sides.
 - Speed display board will help.
 - Maybe the park paths should be reconfigured if crossing isn't promoted there.
- Briarwood Road & Beechdale Crescent/Brookshire Crescent Crosswalk & Median Island
 - Lots of school kids crossing here so support the recommendation.
- Briarwood Road Centerline Painting
 - Not sure if this will reduce speed.
- Briargate Road & 8th Street Traffic Signals
 - Traffic on 8th Street in both directions has gotten much busier with commercial and local traffic.
 - Crossing is dangerous as a pedestrian and a vehicle.
 - Don't want to wait until there is an accident to install signals. Sooner is better than later for this installation.
- Reducing speed is always a good thing for safety.
- Snow clearing/grading of 8th Street in the winter can make the ditch look like a road and cars get sucked into the ditch there.
- Briargate Road & Briarwood Road
 - Difficult intersection to navigate because of sight lines and congestion.
- Briarvale Road & Briarwood Road
 - Cement fence makes sight lines difficult.
- Wess Road
 - Speed limit should be higher. It was never noticed as an issue until Costco opened and more people started using it.
- Brookdale Crescent & Briarwood Road

- School bus drop-off location, Hopes Home, and a day home operate across the street from the condo complex.
- Traffic is coming and going all the time.
- Busses are parking out from the curb making it impossible to pass by.
- Please keep it on your radar, especially since there are lots of kids crossing here.

Next Steps

1. Mail-in or email comments no later than November 15th, 2019.
2. Additional public input via City Engage Page no later than November 15th, 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: Will the recommendations be posted, reviewed, revised, and then re-posted?

City: We will review to see if there are additional recommendations and then re-post.

Resident: How do we, as a community bring it to the City's attention that we want the 8th Street and Briargate Road traffic signals sooner than later?

City: The traffic signals at this location are development driven, in accordance with the development of the Brighton neighbourhood.

Resident: What do we do in the mean time without traffic signals at 8th Street and Briargate Road? How do we get it moved up on the priority list?

City: Our locations get prioritized by many criteria or factors and this location is not at the top of our city-wide list at the moment.

Resident: You can do other little things other than a traffic signal for now. Put a three-way stop up to reduce speeding and keep traffic under control. You've got a traffic jam right now. We don't want a reactive approach because it will be too late and a three-way stop is inexpensive and easy to install.

City: We have a stop and yield policy that we follow for the installation of three-way stops. This location doesn't meet the criteria within that warrant or policy for the installation of a three-way stop.

Resident: You need to check when the analysis was done and when traffic data was collected.

Resident: I've been close to being sideswiped making an eastbound right turn into the neighbourhood and traffic passing by me on 8th Street.

Resident: Assessment isn't done often enough because traffic has changed drastically from a year ago and will change again over the next year.

City: We will review the assessment information and include with the meeting minutes. Update: *The last assessment was completed in 2012. At that time, the peak hour and total daily traffic volumes did not meet the threshold for an all-way stop. We will complete an updated traffic count and all-way stop warrant analysis and include the results in the final report.*

Resident: Are recommendations all-or-nothing? Are they prioritized?

City: The majority of the recommendations will be installed in the spring / summer 2020. The traffic signals at 8th Street & Briargate Road are outside of the scope of the NTR process and are a higher cost item. Signs and pavement markings will be installed permanently next year. Speed display boards will be installed depending where they fall on the priority list. Median islands and curb extensions will be installed temporarily in the spring. Ramps or other concrete work will be completed in the longer term.

Resident: Snow is always piled up. I have only seen a snow plough twice in the 27 years that I've lived in the neighbourhood. Maybe the money allocated for snow removal could be used to get the traffic signals at 8th Street & Briargate Road sooner.

Resident: Does 8th Street and Briargate Road meet the criteria to get a roundabout?

City: The design of 8th street has been completed and it does not include a roundabout. It includes traffic signals. Any feedback we've received tonight about 8th Street will be passed on to our colleagues who work on development related projects.

Resident: Do you consult with other departments such as Roadways or Transit?

City: Before we bring recommendations forward to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, we consult with other internal departments and incorporate their feedback into the final recommendations and plans.

Update: Attached to these meeting minutes is a map detailing the anticipated construction phasing associated with the development of the Brighton neighbourhood.

Southeast Saskatoon Construction Phasing

