

CITY OF SASKATOON

Massey Place Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Bishop Klein Elementary School (1121 Northumberland Avenue)

Attendees:

| Name | Position |
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| Kathy Dahl | Facilitator, Great Works Consulting |
| Mitch Riabko | Facilitator, Great Works Consulting |
| Minqing Deng | City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer Massey Place Neighbourhood Traffic Review Project Manager |
| Nathalie Baudais | City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer |
| Marina Melchiorre | City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer |
| Constable Klews | Saskatoon Police Services, Traffic Unit |
| Constable Zoorkin | Saskatoon Police Services, Traffic Unit |

Regrets:

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| Councillor Troy Davies | Ward 4 City Council Representative |
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Items:

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation from the Transportation Division

(Presented by Minqing Deng – Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – April 12, 2018

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 Massey Place and potential solutions

Small group reports to large group

Group 1: Nathalie Baudais

- Full traffic signal needed at Massey Drive and Confederation Drive
 - Visibility issues due to parked cars
 - Delays to as long as 20 minutes
 - Windrows blocking visibility
 - Lights would also accommodate transit stop on northeast side
- 33rd Street
 - Windrow creates an issue for parked cars. It pushes parked cars towards driving lane and makes passenger entry difficult.
 - Avenue Y pedestrian crossing needed. Why was conduit recently put in near Avenue Y & 33rd Street?
 - Any way to reduce traffic volumes on 33rd Street development-wise?
 - Would love speed humps on 33rd Street
 - Something needs to be done for 33rd Street such as a speed display board
 - Night time speeding is bad too
- 33rd Street & Northumberland Avenue
 - Drivers do not stop for red lights
- Massey Drive & Matheson Drive
 - People do not stop at the (2-way) stop signs, they only yield
 - Enforcement is needed
 - Southeast corner sign set on light standard too far back
- 30 years too late for study
- More police presence in neighbourhood helps slow people down
- Getting out of neighbourhood on Confederation Drive & 33rd Street are issues
- Northumberland Avenue
 - Speeding has been an issue for many years
 - Race track/traffic speeding between two schools
 - Speeding around the sharp bend is a safety issue
 - Late pm is very bad
 - Speed humps might be a solution
 - School hours help
- Drivers don't understand pedestrian crosswalks
 - Hazard board with pedestrian crosswalk signs may help raise visibility
 - City of Canmore, Alberta has examples
- School zones should be year around
- High schools shouldn't have zones (some say they should)
- Crosswalk sign blocked by trees
 - Needs trimming, especially by Laurier village
- Pothole repairs aren't done well, just do one then leave the rest
- Sidewalk repairs or lifts have largely been taken care of
- Tree trimming not done for city trees going into private property (818 Marr Avenue)

Notes left from resident that attended the meeting:

- Lights are needed at Milton Street & Confederation Drive
- Snowbanks on centre boulevard on Confederation Drive
- Observation: Edmonton Avenue & 33rd Street going west should have left turn arrows when train crossing
- Centre boulevard by Malta Place needs grass seeding

Group 2: Marina Melchiorre

- Milton Street & Confederation Drive
 - Southbound lane left turn onto Milton Street, and left turn from Milton Street onto Confederation Drive are difficult
 - Pedestrian crossing visibility on Confederation Drive
 - Maybe signals at Massey Drive instead
- 33rd Street between Northumberland Avenue and Junor Avenue
 - Too much traffic/trucks
 - Hard to back up from driveway
- 33rd Street and Northumberland Avenue
 - Want full signal
 - Left turns are impossible
 - Speeding
- Shortcutting and speeding
 - Malborough Crescent to Morris Drive to Northumberland Avenue
 - Speed humps needed
- Morris Drive & Malborough Crescent
 - Sightline issues because of trees
- Confederation Drive
 - snow storage on median obstructs sightlines
- 33rd Street and Circle Drive
 - snow storage on median obstructs sightlines
- 33rd Street intersections
 - people passing in parking lane when cars wait to turn left
- Lanes
 - Gravel not maintained well
- Better pavement markings needed for all roadways
- Pot holes not fixed

Group 3: Minqing Deng

- Matheson Drive & Massey Drive
 - Drivers speeding & ignoring stop signs
 - More stop signs may help
 - Police enforcement is needed
- Drivers shortcut to avoid the school zone, take Matheson Drive instead of Northumberland Avenue or Avenue Y or Malborough Crescent
- Drivers do not stop for pedestrians using crosswalks on Confederation Drive

- Left turns onto Confederation Drive and 33rd Street are very difficult, right turn is a bit better but not by much
- Too much traffic on 33rd Street
- What is the procedure to request grading and paving the back lane?
 - The north-south back lane between Maxwell Crescent and Massey Drive, to the east of Matheson Drive
 - Vehicles got stuck
- Trucks parked in back lanes, fences and backyard property got damaged, area bounded by Maxwell Crescent (north leg), Matheson Drive and Matheson Place
- Who takes care of snow clearing in the alley entrance across the sidewalk, particularly at:
 - The east park path intersecting Massey Drive, between Matheson Drive and Northumberland Avenue
 - The lane intersecting the southbound sidewalk looking at Mackie Crescent and Northumberland Avenue intersection
- Shortcutting and speeding on Mackie Crescent instead of using Northumberland Avenue
 - Suggest extension of the 30 kph zone
 - Noise from speeding traffic also a concern
 - Kids and seniors cross this road a lot
- Speeding on south leg of Matheson Drive to the west of the island
 - Is parking allowed in the vicinity of this corner?
 - Vehicles do not see kids playing
- Tunnels going under the Circle Drive to Mount Royal
 - Should be closed if they are not safe
 - Crime happens too, not safe for pedestrians and kids
 - If they remain open, please make it safe; otherwise, close it
 - Suggest walkway over Circle Drive instead of using the 6 foot tunnel underneath Circle Drive
- Bad road pavement on west leg of Mackie Cres (near 30 Mackie Crescent)
 - Drainage issue
- Drainage issue at
 - Northumberland Avenue and Mackie Crescent
- School Zone
 - Parents and teachers making U-turn inside of school zone on Northumberland Avenue
 - Parking at 5-min loading zone with longer vehicles and parked for longer than 5-min, north and south leg of Morris Dr & Northumberland Ave intersection
 - Parking in disabled parking zone without placard
- Traffic signals needed on
 - Confederation Drive & Massey Drive
 - Confederation Drive & Milton Street

Next Steps

1. Continue monitoring traffic issues in your neighbourhood
2. Mail-in or email comments no later than May 14, 2018
3. Additional public input via City on-line Facebook or Neighbourhood Traffic Review webpage no later than May 14, 2018
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 and Answer

Resident: Not a question but a wish to have a safe neighbourhood. There is a mix of young and old and generations in between, have been living in Massey Place for 40+ years and would like this neighbourhood to be safe for everyone.

Resident: With almost all street names in this neighbourhood started with letter "M", please make the street name signs bigger, it is very difficult to read.

City: We would take that into consideration with this review.