

CITY OF SASKATOON

Nutana Park Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Nutana Park Mennonite Church (1701 Ruth Street East)

Attendees:

Name	Position
Kathy Dahl	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Mitch Riabko	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Mariniel Flores	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer Nutana Park Neighbourhood Traffic Review Project Manager
Nathalie Baudais	City of Saskatoon, Senior Transportation Engineer
David LeBoutillier	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineering Manager
Councillor Mairin Loewen	Ward 7 City Council Representative
Patrick Barbar	Staff Sergeant, Traffic Unit Saskatoon City Police

Items:

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation from the Transportation Division

(Presented by Mariniel Flores – Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – May 16, 2019

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 Nutana Park and potential solutions.

Group 1: Nathalie Baudais

- Ruth Street:
 - Speeding approaching Jarvis Drive
 - Cars running off the road
 - Pedestrians have to move off sidewalk to avoid being hit
 - 1700 block home has been hit
 - Kids can't play in front yard
 - Chevron signs on private property are not visible
 - Suggest median island
- East Drive & Preston Avenue:
 - What is the schedule for the Active Pedestrian Corridor? *The Active Pedestrian Corridor will be installed this summer.*
 - Speeding on Preston Avenue, cars pass on the right. Not enough on-street parking to prevent this behavior.
 - Aggressive driving behaviors.
 - AM and PM peak hours are especially bad.
- Adelaide Street & Preston Avenue:
 - Difficult to make eastbound through and left turning movements. *Traffic signals will be installed this summer.*
- Preston Avenue:
 - Extra traffic from Stonebridge makes it hard to back into street
 - Each new business makes noticeable traffic
 - Kids can't play in front yard
 - The midpoint between Adelaide Street and Louise Avenue is used as a pedestrian crossing because pedestrians don't feel safe crossing at either intersection.
- Preston Avenue & Jarvis Drive:
 - Difficult to make eastbound left turns
- Preston Avenue & Louise Avenue:
 - Concerned about traffic signal timing
 - Eastbound right turns are cut off by westbound left turns
 - Treacherous for pedestrians
- Louise Avenue:
 - Better coordination between the water & sewer group and the road reconstruction group is needed. Seems like Louise Avenue was just repaved and then ripped up again for a water main break.
- City-wide:
 - Discourteous drivers throughout the city

Group 2: Mariniel Flores

- Preston Avenue (Louise Avenue to Adelaide Street):
 - Was protected left turns ever investigated? *A review for protected left turns at Preston Avenue & Adelaide Street has been completed. Permissive/protected phasing will be provided for southbound left turns. A review for protected left turns at Preston Avenue & Louise Avenue will be completed.*
- Preston Avenue & Louise Avenue:
 - Delays due to a high volume of left turning traffic. Separate traffic signal phasing suggested similar to traffic signal phasing at Lorne Avenue & Ruth Street.
- Preston Avenue & Adelaide Street:
 - Traffic signal not that necessary
 - Will there be protected left turns? *Permissive/protected phasing will be provided for southbound left turns.*
- Preston Avenue & Armistice Way:
 - Dangerous
 - Many older drivers turning onto Preston Avenue cut off northbound and southbound drivers
- Louise Avenue:
 - Speeding between north and south intersections of Murphy Crescent
 - Vehicles encroaching onto sidewalk along the curve south of Murphy Crescent (South), especially in the winter. 30 km/hr curve warning sign suggested. Do not install a median island.
 - Speeding in the school zone. More enforcement suggested.
 - Extend school zone west.
- Jarvis Drive:
 - Increased traffic volumes in the westbound and eastbound directions
- Jarvis Drive & Ruth Street:
 - City buses make sharp turns along the curve. 30 km/hr warning sign suggested. Do not install a median island.
- Jarvis Drive (Paul Crescent to Estey Drive):
 - Some speeding along curve
- Jarvis Drive (Estey Drive and Clinkskill Drive):
 - Road is rutted and slippery in the winter. Needs better snow removal or remove curb extensions. Like the median island.
 - Curb extensions push cyclists into the traffic lane but most cyclists can maneuver around them.

- Cantlon Crescent:
 - Some speeding along curve. When vehicles are parked, speeds are reduced. Park old trucks to protect sidewalks and lawns.
- Back lane behind SaskAbilities:
 - Shortcut to bypass Ruth Street
- Wilson Crescent & Estey Drive:
 - Bushes restrict visibility. Trimming needed.
- Murphy Crescent Back Lane:
 - Works well – no improvements necessary. Prefer to park in the back rather than in the driveway.
- Back lane & Ruth Street (Cantlon Crescent and Cumberland Avenue):
 - Bushes restrict visibility. Trimming needed.
- Arlington Avenue & Preston Avenue:
 - Congested from 3:30pm to 4:30pm
- Ruth Street:
 - Concerned that centerline has incorrectly been painted closer and closer to the north side of Ruth Street throughout the years
- General:
 - Like the yield signs that were installed at the previously uncontrolled intersections

Next Steps

1. Continue monitoring traffic issues in your neighbourhood
2. Mail-in or email comments no later than June 14, 2019
3. Additional public input via Engage Page no later than June 14, 2019
4. Traffic counts 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 Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

Question and Answer

Resident: It is difficult to see at Louise Avenue & Preston Avenue. It is a goofy intersection – a real 'schmozzle'.