

## 14th Street Permanent Closure (Temperance to Lansdowne) Nutana Neighbourhood Traffic Review Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, September 17, 2020

**Time:** 8:30 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Online Meeting

**Attendees:**

Name	Position
Nathalie Baudais	City of Saskatoon Senior Transportation Engineer
Julian Petras	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer
Chelsea Lanning	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer

**Items:**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Presentation from the Transportation Division**

(Presented by Nathalie Baudais – Transportation Engineer)

See Video – Online meeting video recording – September 17, 2020

**Question and Answer Session**

1. Question: Are the benches concrete?

Answer: Yes, these benches are a reinforced concrete with some wood accents. There is an option for a planter box or not so that's something that we could consider.

2. Question: Concrete might be very cold to sit on in the winter.

Answer: Yes, it would. That's where the wood accent comes in. The wood accent also acts as a deterrent to people laying on the bench so that it's not a comfortable horizontal surface and hopefully people have good snow pants or long jackets in the winter months so that they do not get too cold on that surface.

3. Question:

Will the d'Lish customers be able to use the enclosed space? Will d'Lish be able to serve those customers? If the answer to these questions is YES, then I would vote for the closure nearest d'Lish.

Answer: So you would want the bidirectional closure on the south side. I'll make a note of in the project file as I collect all those comments.

We did hear concerns during our design workshop about the use of that space by d'Lish so I'm sure this sentiment is shared by others.

I don't foresee that it would be available to d'Lish without going through a patio permit application of some type through our Planning and Development group. I don't have all the details on that process but I could include a link about that in the minutes.

Details on the Sidewalk Café and Parking Patio program can be found online:  
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/business-development/business-licenses-permits/business-licenses/sidewalk-cafes-parking-patios>

4. Question: Could this area be named after Cathy Watts?

Answer: The City of Saskatoon names civic property in accordance with Council Policy C09-008. This naming policy is used for naming streets, parks, civic property, and development areas. Any naming of the space would have to be submitted for review under that policy, and evaluated to make sure the name is eligible and the location is eligible for naming. If you would like to submit a request to have the space named, you can submit the form found at the link for consideration to Planning and Development.

Submission form:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/community-services/planning-development/research/miscellaneous/naming.pdf>

Council Policy C09-008 – Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-clerk/civic-policies/C09-008.pdf>

5. Question: Has the City considered making this a park?

Answer: Some of you were interested in having the triangle boulevard north of the closure changed to develop a bit of a parklet. Changing this area would require a municipal reserve designation which would involve a subdivision request and an additional annual operating budget requirement in the range of \$5,000 to \$10,000 for maintenance. In light of this, we decided to not pursue

the municipal reserve designation and plan to keep the lilac bushes in the median island north of the closure.

6. Question: Has the City considered making the little triangle park more useful? Right now it is simply full of trees.

Answer: In terms of making the triangle more useful, we did consider, clearing it out and expanding it to create a bit more of a parklet with a hummingbird and bee garden. Unfortunately, with the layout there were some technical challenges with drainage around the site. It would require a very significant investment to ensure that the stormwater around the site drained properly and supplied the vegetation with the proper water so that the residents or the Community Association wouldn't have to water the garden itself.

We could look at trimming some of the lilac bushes but we currently don't intend to change the vegetation to anything else beyond lilacs. We have heard that they haven't been trimmed regularly and that they are a bit overgrown, so we could do a bit of maintenance on the lilac bushes themselves.

7. Question: Sitting at d'Lish, watching the intersection, several people/hour do not understand how to transit to Lansdowne. Rather than go around the little divider, they go on the inside. Is there a safety reason for the little diverter? I know it is a problem pulling my trailer around that intersection from Lansdowne to 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

Answer: I believe you're talking about the median island on Temperance. The median island was introduced through the Neighborhood Traffic Review recommendations.

The median island was recommended because there were concerns with southbound Temperance traffic, making that left turn onto Lansdowne, and they were taking it too quickly, so the median island, and that other curb extension were installed to curb that behavior.

More details can be online at the NTR webpage ([Saskatoon.ca/ntr](https://www.saskatoon.ca/ntr)). It has the full report about the Nutana Neighborhood Traffic Review and all the findings and recommendations.

[https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/transportation-utilities/transportation/neighbourhood/nutana\\_final\\_report.pdf](https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/transportation-utilities/transportation/neighbourhood/nutana_final_report.pdf)

## Updates on other relevant projects

### Neighbourhood Bikeways Study

The City of Saskatoon is undertaking a Neighbourhood Bikeways Project to help identify measures to provide more travel choices and improve safety, accessibility and connectivity. The project will include the evaluation and design of walking and cycling facility improvements for several corridors including 14th Street East, between Saskatchewan Crescent and Cumberland Avenue.

14th Street was selected for review because it provides important connections to existing or future walking and cycling facilities. To learn more, visit the project engage page at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/engage/neighbourhood-bikeways-project>

### Residential Speed Limit Review

As requested by City Council, we are undertaking a speed limit review for residential streets. More specifically we are reviewing:

- Posted speed limits on residential streets, including lowering the posted speed limit
- Removing reduced speed limits for high schools
- Potentially reducing speed limits in playground zones
- The potential for establishing senior zones.

We anticipate that this work will be presented to Council in 2021.

### Road Maintenance

The City consistently monitors, maintains, and preserves roads, sidewalks, bridges, and water and sewer infrastructure. Portions of 14<sup>th</sup> Street are planned for improvements in 2021. To see projected areas of treatment and preservation (2020-2022), please view the [Asset Preservation Interactive Map](#). All locations and treatments within the map are only projections and are subject to change.

<https://citysaskatoon.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=7fdbcf561f854589949c884911c35ca4>

### **Next Steps**

1. Fall 2020: Finalize design.
2. Winter 2021: Tender contract.
3. Summer 2021: Construction of the permanent closure which will be coordinated with other projects in the area

## Adjournment