

# CITY OF SASKATOON

## Evergreen Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, March 4, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Online Meeting

### Attendees:

Name	Position
Chelsea Lanning	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer Project Manager Evergreen Neighbourhood Traffic Review
Nathalie Baudais	City of Saskatoon Senior Transportation Engineer
Katie Sapieha	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer
Councillor Zach Jeffries	Ward 10 City Council Representative

### Regrets:

Name	Position
Trent Emigh	Saskatoon Police Service Traffic Unit, Staff Sergeant

### Items:

#### Welcome and Introductions

#### Presentation from the Transportation Division

(Presented by Chelsea Lanning – Transportation Engineer)

See Video – Online meeting video recording – March 4, 2021

See Draft Traffic Plan and Recommendation List – March 4, 2021

#### Zary Road and Sauer Crescent

1. **Comment:** I like the Zary Road solution, but will the crosswalk be upgraded to a zebra crossing?

**Chelsea:** We're recommending a standard pedestrian crossing at this point, which is two black and white pedestrian signs on the side of the street and two white pavement markings. We typically reserve installation of zebra

crosswalks to our school zones. The median island that we're installing should help with the visibility of that crosswalk.

### Speed Display Board on Evergreen Boulevard between Kloppenburg Link and Kloppenburg Crescent

2. **Comment:** Thank you for adding this. Do you know the dates that it will be installed?

**Chelsea:** We have a list of all of the speed display board installations that have been recommended through our Neighbourhood Traffic Review process and this location will go on that list. There are a few locations, so hopefully we could get it up this summer, but it depends how many locations we have.

**Nathalie:** We only have so many boards to go around and there are a lot of NTR recommendations that include that type of device.

3. **Comment:** I think there is more speeding at night.

**Nathalie:** We can do an hour by hour breakdown, and we do pass the information over to the police.

**Chelsea:** Yes, we do. If we find speeds are quite high, we can send that information over to the police so that they can target their enforcement and be as effective as possible as well.

4. **Comment:** What times did you monitor speeds?

**Chelsea:** Our speed measurements are usually for 7 days, 24 hours a day. So that's from midnight to midnight every day for a week. If we are in a school zone, we will analyze those hours separately since the speed limit is different during those hours. We can look for trends within that data to see if there are certain times of day or days of week where there are issues.

**Nathalie:** We typically check the direction of travel as well, which is why the speed display board is recommended to face westbound. That's where we saw the higher speeds.

**Chelsea:** Evergreen was a neighbourhood where traffic calming was installed as a part of the neighbourhood development, and it appears that that was done really well at the time. Speeding is not a huge issue in Evergreen.

### Evergreen Boulevard and Zary Road

5. **Comment:** Will you restrict some parking as there are a lot of cars blocking the sidewalk?

**Chelsea:** There is a parking restriction at Evergreen Boulevard and Zary Road right now along the east side of the road, or the top of the 'T'. Other than that, our traffic bylaw covers that no vehicle should be parked within 10 metres of an intersection. If you see vehicles encroaching on the crosswalks or on the intersection, you can call Parking Enforcement at 306-975-8344.

6. **Comment:** At the top of the 'T' along Evergreen Boulevard, visibility is poor because cars are parked right up to the intersection.

**Chelsea:** I can look at that.

#### Other

7. **Comment:** There are parking problems throughout Evergreen.

**Chelsea:** We did hear comments about parking at a few different locations and we performed some site visits to review the concerns. For the most part, people were parked outside of the 10-metre zone restricted in the Traffic Bylaw. It is possible that it may be more of a problem at certain times of day. We tried to stagger our visits to capture that.

8. **Comment:** There is not enough parking for this area. General for the neighbourhood that there is just so much parking demand and not enough on-street parking.

**Chelsea:** We heard from a few residents that on-street parking is pretty busy in Evergreen. Unfortunately, there isn't a lot we can do about that through the Neighbourhood Traffic Review. All streets in Evergreen have on-street parking.

9. **Comment:** Do you plan to add blinking lights at the crosswalks in front of the schools on Manek Road?

**Chelsea:** We do have a flashing crosswalk light along Manek Road that connects to the pedestrian network where the green overpass is. In school zones, we typically mark zebra crosswalks to increase the visibility of the crossings. We don't always place higher devices in front of schools. Schools often have other programs where they have teachers or parents help children cross the street. We work with the schools to make sure that their needs are accommodated.

**Nathalie:** If it's about the Glacial Shores Manor location, there are curb extensions to improve pedestrian safety, which is why an activated device is not warranted. We are recommending a stop sign for Glacial Shores Manor because we had heard from residents that drivers turning from Glacial Shores Manor weren't always paying attention to the crosswalk.

10. **Comment:** Do you know what the traffic flow from the potential development across from the schools parking lot will be? Where the new speed display board is suggested, there are rumours that the entrance to their parking lot will be on Evergreen Boulevard near the entrance to the school staff parking lot and the City bus stop (northwest of the roundabout). It will cause a significant traffic issue for the school if the driveway is on that side.

**Response:** A development application has not yet been approved for this site. Our review of future development applications will consider impacts of any proposed driveways and will consider possible conflicts with the school driveway on Evergreen Boulevard.

11. **Comment:** Do you know when the bus shelter will be relocated to the new bus stop locations (on Evergreen Boulevard, near the school)?

**Nathalie:** Our colleagues at Saskatoon Transit have confirmed that the shelter will be relocated in the spring once the ground thaws.

### **Updates on other relevant projects**

#### Low Road Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Pilot Project

An RRFB was installed on Lowe Road south of Atton Crescent as a part of the RRFB Pilot project. Since the development of national guidelines for the installation of these devices, it has been determined that the installation on Lowe Road is not warranted, so the RRFB will be removed and relocated. The zebra crosswalk will remain.

#### **Next Steps**

- Continue monitoring traffic issues in your neighbourhood.
- Mail-in or email comments no later than April 2, 2021.
- Additional public input via Engage Page no later than April 2, 2021.
- Determine revisions and finalize traffic plan.
- Present traffic plan to City Standing Policy Committee on Transportation.

### **Adjournment**