

CITY OF SASKATOON

Fairhaven Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 22nd, 2018

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Fairhaven School Gym (495 Forrester Road, Saskatoon)

Attendees:

Name	Position
Kathy Dahl	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Mitch Riabko	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Sheliza Kelts	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer Project Manager
Nathalie Baudais	City of Saskatoon, Senior Transportation Engineer
Chelsea Lanning	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Mariniel Flores	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Danae Balogun	City of Saskatoon, Active Transportation Program Manager
David LeBoutillier	City of Saskatoon, Acting Engineering Manager
Councillor Ann Iwanchuk	Ward 3 City Council Representative

Items:

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation from the Transportation Division

(Presented by Sheliza Kelts – Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – November 22, 2018

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: Danae Balogun

- Group was supportive of the majority of the recommendations.
- Fairmont Drive & Forrester Road curb extension on the northwest corner of Fairmont Drive
 - Frequent southbound to westbound right turns here.
 - Can the curb extension be moved to the south side?
- Diefenbaker Drive & Fairlight Drive add to Intersection Improvement list
 - Some residents have noticed pedestrians having difficulty crossing the channelized ramps – vehicles not allowing pedestrians to cross.
- Fairlight Drive & Fairmont Drive add to Intersection Improvement list
 - Some concerns with this intersection.
- Other comments
 - Some discussion about lack of dedicated lanes to get out of the neighbourhood.
 - Heavy semi traffic in the neighbourhood.
 - Speeding concerns on Pendygrasse Road from Forrester Road to Clancy Drive.
 - Safety concerns with merge lane from Clancy Drive onto Circle Drive.

Group 2: Nathalie Baudais

- Group was supportive of the majority of the recommendations.
- Fairlight Drive between Diefenbaker Drive and Fairmont Drive no parking signage on the north side of Fairlight Drive
 - Okay with the recommendation but a comment was made that no one currently parks here.
- Fairmont Drive & Forrester Road curb extension on the northwest corner of Fairmont Drive
 - Curb extension is good because it will prevent passing on the right.
 - Monitor intersection for a future three-way stop – development is occurring in the area.
- Clancy Drive & Fairmont Drive median island on the west leg of Clancy Drive and a channelized island on the northeast corner to denote the end of the right turn lane on Clancy Drive
 - Median island is okay if there is still room for two lanes eastbound (west of the intersection).
 - Would like to have two lanes eastbound formalized with pavement markings.
- Forrester Road & Cooper Crescent (east intersection) Active Pedestrian Corridor pedestrian device for the east crosswalk
 - No parking restriction should be installed on the east side. Parents park up to / on the crosswalk to drop off.
- Forrester Road & Olmstead Road curb extension on the northwest corner of Forrester Road and curb extension on the northeast corner of Olmstead Road

- Some prefer a median island on Olmstead Road to define the driving lane for southbound traffic.
 - Add an east-west crosswalk and stop bar.
- Pendygrasse Road in front of St. Mark School Active Pedestrian Corridor pedestrian device
 - Concerns with location of bus stop just east of this crossing. Drivers having to drive around bus stopped here. Move bus stop further east or west or remove the existing median island.
- Diefenbaker Drive & Fairlight Drive add to Intersection Improvement list
 - Concerns for the safety of pedestrians crossing the north side of this intersection. Eastbound left turning vehicles cannot see them which results in close calls.
- Fairmont Drive & Fairlight Crescent stop sign for east leg of this intersection
 - Also like a stop sign from the back alley to Fairmont Drive.
- Other comments
 - Tree trimming or relocate the posted 50 km/h speed sign for Fairhaven School.
 - Parking & police enforcement required around Fairhaven School.
 - Forrester Road & Cooper Crescent (west intersection) needs a crosswalk on the east side. Lots of students cross here to get to St. Mark's school.
 - 22nd Street & Confederation Drive – trucks turn onto grass, suggest widening the roadway.
 - 22nd Street & Diefenbaker Drive – eastbound right turn lane should be extended to be at least three to four cars long. Drivers are using the paved shoulder. The northbound lane from the westbound right turn is too narrow.

Group 3: Chelsea Lanning

- Fairlight Drive from Pendygrasse Road to Olmstead Road speed display boards in both directions of travel and forward speed data to police for further enforcement
 - There has been a southbound speed display board here all summer.
 - Effective right at the sign.
- Fairlight Drive & Gropper Crescent Active Pedestrian Corridor device on west crossing of Fairlight Drive
 - Some said lots of pedestrians crossing here.
 - One individual questioned the need here.
- Fairlight Drive between Diefenbaker Drive and Fairmont Drive no parking signage on the north side of Fairlight Drive
 - Support recommendation but also noted that the casino bus stops and parks here. People lane changing to avoid bus.

- Clancy Drive & Fairmont Drive median island on the west leg of Clancy Drive and channelized island on the northeast corner to denote the end of the right turn lane on Clancy Drive
 - Concerns about this intersection being slippery, dark and filled with potholes.
 - Some mentioned that Clancy Drive east of this intersection may be another good location for a speed display board.
- Forrester Road & Olmstead Road curb extension on the northwest corner of Forrester Road and curb extension on the northeast corner of Olmstead Road
 - Check bus turning template when designing the curb extensions.
- Pendygrasse Road in front of St. Mark School install Active Pedestrian Corridor pedestrian device
 - Also mentioned that there are many vehicles making u-turns at Henigman Place. Suggest curb extensions or some device to stop this.
 - Bus that stops at the Transit stop here blocks the crosswalk and blocks the driving lane at times. Move the bus stop further west.
- Diefenbaker Drive & Fairlight Drive add to Intersection Improvement list
 - Hard to see when pedestrians are crossing Diefenbaker Drive because the crossing distance is so long.
 - Is there a way to shorten the crossing distance?
- Fairlight Drive & Fairmont Drive add to Intersection Improvement list
 - Paint lane designation markings on the street (south of intersection).
 - Add a median island on the far side.
- Other comments
 - Investigate reducing speed limits.
 - U-turns at Fairlight Drive & Olmstead Road are occurring.
 - Fairmont Drive & 22nd Street – extend flex posts/tuff curb further east.
 - Want an acceleration lane from Diefenbaker Drive onto 22nd Street Eastbound.
 - Want a merge lane from Clancy Drive to Circle Drive Southbound or make it clear/fix the issue getting onto Circle Drive Southbound.
 - Ensure scope of Circle Drive project includes South of Clancy Drive.

Group 4: Mariniel Flores

- Group was supportive of the majority of the recommendations.
- Fairlight Drive & Gropper Crescent install Active Pedestrian Corridor pedestrian device on west crossing of Fairlight Drive
 - Support but would prefer a Pedestrian Activated Signal pedestrian device instead.
- Fairmont Drive & Forrester Road curb extension on the northwest corner of Fairmont Drive
 - Median island is pretty much invisible – increase the height or remove.

- Want an Active Pedestrian Corridor or Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon pedestrian device here instead of the curb extension
- Improve lighting.
- One individual does not like the curb extension.
- Forrester Road & Olmstead Road curb extension on the northwest corner of Forrester Road and curb extension on the northeast corner of Olmstead Road
 - Suggest a three-way stop.
 - During school drop off/pick up, school bus stopping on Forrester Rd at northeast corner of intersection, hazardous for kids.
 - Wants crosswalks on all legs (north and east).
 - Want speed bumps or rumble strips.
- Diefenbaker Drive & Fairlight Drive add to Intersection Improvement list
 - Crossing as a pedestrian is difficult – long crossing distance.
 - Pedestrian light timing – modify to allow seniors to finish crossing (they get stranded in the median).
 - Unsafe northbound lane changes.
- Fairlight Drive & Fairmont Drive add to Intersection Improvement list
 - Suggest modifying the signal timing.
 - Short pedestrian crossing times.
 - Inattentive northbound drivers not complying with lane designations.
- Other comments
 - Create no parking zone on the south side of Pandygrasse Road from Barber Crescent to Henigman Place to improve visibility for getting out of driveways.
 - Speeding down Pandygrasse Road from Fairlight Drive to Henigman Place – want speed display board in both directions of travel and targeted enforcement by Police.
 - Fairmont Drive & 22nd Street – some want to close this access, some do not. 22nd Street eastbound right lanes should be two lanes there.
 - One-way Circle Drive off ramp onto Fairmont Drive – wrong way driving, improve visibility of the 'Do Not Enter' sign. Improve sight lines for westbound traffic (vehicle in other lane blocks view for westbound rights/westbound lefts). Wants a crosswalk on the south leg and east leg or maybe a mid-block crossing. More signs. No parking signs.
 - Circle Drive & Clancy Drive – Some want to close this access, some do not.

Next Steps

1. Mail-in or email comments no later than December 21st, 2018.
2. Additional public input via City on-line Facebook or Neighbourhood Traffic Review webpage no later than December 21st, 2018.
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

Question: When is this report going to Standing Policy Committee on Transportation?

Answer: It is tentatively scheduled for April. Please subscribe for updates if you would like to receive an email when the report is added to the Committee agenda.

Comment: Clancy Drive to Circle Drive northbound collision at the merge occurred this evening. There is going to be a major crash here sometime. I see close calls every day.

Comment: When changes are implemented, do not close off all access to the neighbourhood. If not properly coordinated, people are going to be upset. Do not shut everything at the same time.