

# CITY OF SASKATOON

## Forest Grove Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, May 1, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** St. Volodymyr School, Gymnasium (302 Kellough Road)

### Attendees:

| Name                           | Position  |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Kathy Dahl                     | Facilitator, Great Works Consulting   |
| Mitch Riabko                   | Facilitator, Great Works Consulting   |
| Sheliza Kelts                  | City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer<br>Forest Grove Neighbourhood Traffic Review<br>Project Manager |
| Nathalie Baudais               | City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer   |
| Mariniel Flores                | City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer   |
| Staff Sergeant Patrick Barbour | Saskatoon Police Services, Traffic Unit   |
| Councillor Darren Hill         | Ward 1 City Council Representative  |

### Items:

#### Welcome and Introductions

#### Presentation from the Transportation Division

(Presented by Sheliza Kelts – Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – May 1, 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 Forest Grove and potential solutions

Group 1: Nathalie Baudais

- Berini Drive & 115<sup>th</sup> Street

- Traffic signal should be coordinated with Attridge Drive & Bernini Drive signals.
  - Should be installed prior to new school year.
- Attridge Drive & Berini Drive
  - North-south signal timing takes too long.
  - A protected left turn is needed (especially when school lets out).
- 115<sup>th</sup> Street Construction
  - Advanced detour signage should be provided on Central Avenue. Would help drivers re-route.
- Pothole repair needed throughout neighbourhood, in particular:
  - Spruce Drive;
  - Birch Crescent; and
  - Central Avenue from College Drive to 105<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 115<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Difficult to cross at Kellough Road on west side of intersection.
  - Vehicles pass on the right hand side if cars stop for pedestrians.
  - Need active pedestrian corridor, curb extensions and zebra crosswalk.
  - St. Volodymyr school has crossing guard at Addie Crescent.
- Speeding on Berini Drive, especially in the afternoon pm
- Rossmo Road/Reid Road and 115<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Cyclists use Rossmo Road rather than 115<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - 115<sup>th</sup> Street not safe for cyclists due to parked cars, vehicle speed and traffic volumes,
- Congestion on Attridge Drive during Saturday afternoon
  - Traffic signal timing seems wrong for intersection of Attridge Drive & Central Avenue. Only allows for 1-2 vehicles to get through.
- Looking forward to the North Commuter Bridge and McOrmond interchange
- Attridge Drive & Central Avenue
  - Interchange is needed,
  - Driving eastbound in pm is very congested,
  - Monitor intersection after opening the North Commuter Bridge since travel patterns may change.
- Maybe rumble strips would be beneficial as a warning for approaching pedestrian crossings.
- Speeding occurring on Gray Avenue (the entire stretch).
- Why does it take so long to pave after the watermain repairs are done on 115<sup>th</sup> Street?
- Birch Crescent used as a shortcut/detour route.
- Rossmo Road used as a shortcut/detour route.
- Drivers do not pay attention to the advisory speeds on the curves on Rossmo Road to Forest Drive.
- Forest Drive & Spruce Drive
  - Pedestrian crossing needed at the intersection.

- Visibility is an issue. Would like something more than a standard crosswalk, perhaps a zebra crosswalk, speed humps, or active pedestrian corridor.
- Crossing is used to access the tunnel across Attridge Drive to the Forestry Farm.
- It is a blind corner and vehicles speed around the curves creating a safety issue.
- 6 foot high fence on northwest corner may be causing sight line issues.
- First access south of the intersection of Bernini Drive & 115<sup>th</sup> Street (to the rainbow housing cooperative)
  - Might be better to close this access and extend the median as part of the traffic signal installation.
- Rainbow Housing Co-Operative
  - Lanes into the Rainbow Housing Co-Operative were supposed to be paved.
  - There is lots of traffic in the lanes creating dust issues.
  - Vehicles speeding in the lanes.
  - Drainage problem.
  - Lack of grading (only twice per year).
  - Sidewalk not being cleared by City (City does Erindale side, across the street).
- Preston Crossing
  - Snow clearing reduces travel lane to 2.5 m lanes, should be done to the curb from bus stop to Circle ramp northbound to eastbound.
  - Pavement markings would help define space.

Group 2: Mariniel Flores

- Ban trains during rush hours.
- Forest Grove Village Access onto 115<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Poor visibility due to parked vehicles.
  - Parking restrictions suggested on south side.
- 115<sup>th</sup> Street & Forest Drive or 115<sup>th</sup> Street & Innes Court
  - Raised median island is difficult to see, reflective sign is not that visible.
  - Improve visibility of sign (maybe flashing lights).
- Central Avenue & Rossmo Road
  - Flashing lights for pedestrian device difficult for westbound/eastbound traffic to see when pedestrians wanting to cross (since the lights are installed for northbound and southbound traffic only).
- Construction occurring on 115<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Wondering what will happen to the traffic on Central Avenue when the North Commuter Parkway bridge opens.
- 115<sup>th</sup> Street – shortcutting when North Commuter Parkway bridge opens.

- Attridge Drive & Berini Drive
  - Attridge has a lot of traffic.
  - Advanced left turn arrow needed for northbound vehicles on Berini Drive turning left on Attridge Drive.
  - Busy all day.
  - Make green last longer.
  - Southbound right turn do not know how to signal when turning (busy during school hours).
  - Northbound left turns first then allow pedestrians to cross.
- With new bridge opening, wonder if Erindale and Evergreen traffic will move to Attridge Drive or McOrmond Drive.
- Attridge Drive
  - Wondered why the speed limit was reduced from 70km/h to 60 km/h.
- McOrmond Drive & Fedoruk Drive – wondering what this intersection will look like.
- When North Commuter Parkway Bridge opens
  - Wondering how much traffic will use Central Avenue.
  - Wondering how much traffic will use McOrmond Drive.
- Central Avenue & Gray Avenue
  - Vehicles are turning left (not many).
  - Do not want to allow left-turns unless major modifications are made.
- Berini Drive – speeding occurring
- Rossmo Crescent
  - Vehicles speeding in eastbound direction and pedestrians are walking in traffic lane.
  - Want to see speed humps on curves.
- Trains at Central Avenue – should go under rather than elevating Central Avenue to go over.

### **Next Steps**

1. Continue monitoring traffic issues in your neighbourhood
2. Mail-in or email comments no later than June 4, 2018
3. Additional public input via City on-line Facebook or Neighbourhood Traffic Review webpage no later than June 4, 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

### **Question and Answer**

Resident: When will the gray radar box be installed on Berini Drive?

Staff Sergeant Patrick Barbar: We have a list. I think there are three locations ahead of yours and each install is installed for a week.

Resident: Lanes finally painted on Attridge Drive. Is there better paint that could be used so that they don't fade so quickly?

Nathalie: Our Sign Shop is using paint that lasts longer. They tend to use it on high traffic locations and in school zones. It is more expensive.

Resident: I currently have seven kids that use the crossing at 115<sup>th</sup> Street and Kellough Road. Seven kids doesn't sound like a lot. It might not be enough to warrant an active pedestrian corridor but I don't want one of those seven getting hit.

Nathalie: Seven may not be a lot but traffic volumes are considered too. There is no set number of pedestrians to warrant a zebra crosswalk. We will complete the traffic count for six hours and adults will be counted too, not just children.

Resident: When the new bridge opens, will semis be diverted to the new bridge, using McOrmond Drive? Or will they still use Circle Drive?

Nathalie: Trucks will likely use the most direct route. McOrmond Drive is part of the route to the new bridge.