

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 Forest Grove Neighbourhood Traffic Review 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 & 115th 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).
- 115th 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 105th Street.
- 115th 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 115th Street
 - Cyclists use Rossmo Road rather than 115th Street.
 - 115th 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 115th 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 & 115th 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 115th Street
 - Poor visibility due to parked vehicles.
 - Parking restrictions suggested on south side.
- 115th Street & Forest Drive or 115th 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 115th Street.
- Wondering what will happen to the traffic on Central Avenue when the North Commuter Parkway bridge opens.
- 115th 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 115th 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.