

CITY OF SASKATOON

Lawson Heights & Lawson Heights Suburban Centre Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 3rd, 2019

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Lawson Heights Alliance Church (159 Pinehouse Drive, Saskatoon)

Attendees:

Name	Position
Kathy Dahl	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Mitch Riabko	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Sheliza Kelts	City of Saskatoon, Senior Transportation Engineer
Nathalie Baudais	City of Saskatoon, Senior Transportation Engineer
Chelsea Lanning	City of Saskatoon, Transportation Engineer
Danae Balogun	City of Saskatoon, Active Transportation Program Manager
Patrick Barbar	Saskatoon City Police, Staff Sergeant Traffic Unit
Councillor Randy Donauer	Ward 5 City Council Representative

Items:

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation from the Transportation Division

(Presented by Sheliza Kelts – Senior Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – October 3, 2019

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

- Lenore Drive between Warman Road/Wanuskewin Road and Primrose Drive
 - Do not think that a sidewalk on the north side of Lenore Drive is needed.
- Pinehouse Drive & La Ronge Road
 - Suggest installing an Active Pedestrian Corridor device. Lots of pedestrian activity here.
- Pinehouse Drive & Reindeer Road
 - See drivers who do not stop for pedestrians at this intersection.
- Whiteswan Drive between Lenore Drive and Pinehouse Drive
 - Noise concerns on this roadway.
 - Speeding is a big concern, not sure that speed display boards are enough.
 - Want some Active Pedestrian Corridor devices.
 - Would like to see vertical calming devices (speed humps) on Whiteswan Drive.
- Parking area north of soccer fields and Lawson Heights Civic Centre
 - Do not think that accommodating the pedestrian activity through the parking lot area is important.
- Primrose Drive & Pinehouse Drive
 - There are delays in making a left turn here off of Primrose Drive onto Pinehouse Drive.
 - Consider having two lanes for left turn movement from Primrose Drive onto Pinehouse Drive.
- Lenore Drive & Redberry Road
 - Currently a Pedestrian Activated Signal device. Would like to see this changed to an Active Pedestrian Corridor device to allow for more effective traffic flow.
- Lenore Drive adjacent to Marion Graham Collegiate
 - Remove school zone in front of the high school.

Group 2: Sheliza Kelts

- Lenore Drive between Warman Road/Wanuskewin Road and Primrose Drive
 - Some questions about why the sidewalk widening on the south side of Lenore Drive did not continue all the way to Warman Road/Wanuskewin Road.
- Lenore Drive adjacent to Bishop James Mahoney School
 - Some concerns that removing the school zone here will make it difficult to turn left from Redberry Road onto Lenore Drive.
- Pinehouse Drive & La Ronge Road
 - Would like a standard crosswalk installed on the south leg.
- Pinehouse Drive & Reindeer Road
 - Need to consider the community mailbox on the south side of the intersection.

- Hill may be icy and cause issues for vehicles and busses that have to stop on the east leg of this intersection.
 - Consider installing zebra crosswalks across Pinehouse Drive.
- Primrose Drive & Pinehouse Drive
 - Request to have the pedestrian phase occur every cycle without having to activate it.
- Lenore Drive adjacent to Marion Graham Collegiate
 - Reduce school zone further west so that the median opening currently within the school zone can be used for u-turns.
 - Everyone makes u-turns here anyways.
 - 50 kph posted speed sign is hidden in the eastbound direction.
- Lenore Drive & Whiteswan Drive
 - Do not make this intersection a three-way stop controlled intersection.
- Lenore Drive & Cypress Court
 - Recently a pedestrian ramp was installed on the southeast corner of this intersection. When this work was conducted the catch basin was covered over. Now there is water that ponds here.
- Overall appreciate the Neighbourhood Traffic Review process and experience.
- City Wide
 - Would like to see more pedestrian phases occur every cycle without having to activate it.

Group 3: Nathalie Baudais

- Lenore Drive & La Loche Road
 - Parking restriction required on the southwest corner of this intersection
- Pinehouse Drive & La Ronge Road
 - Some group members want a three-way stop controlled intersection here.
- Redberry Road & Reindeer Road
 - Parking restriction required on the southwest corner of this intersection
- Whiteswan Drive between Lenore Drive and Pinehouse Drive
 - Would like police enforcement.
 - Would like the speed display boards to come back.
- Primrose Drive adjacent to Bishop James Mahoney School
 - Some group members want the school zone on Primrose Drive for the high school to be removed. Others want it to remain so that it is consistent with other locations in the City.
- Pinehouse Drive start of school zone
 - Tree trimming required as school zone signage is blocked
- La Ronge Road
 - Parking restriction required on the southeast corner of this intersection.
- La Loche Road
 - Thinks that the speed data collected on La Loche Road was done during Easter break.

- Enforcement is desired.
 - Median islands are also desired.
- Whiteswan Drive
 - Police should set-up a speed trap.
- Pinehouse Drive
 - Soccer Centre sign is too close to the driveway. Drivers don't realize that the entrance is there until it is too late to make the turn.
- City Wide
 - Request for an education outreach for new drivers (e.g. high school students).

Group 4: Chelsea Lanning

- Lenore Drive & Redberry Road/Roborecki Crescent
 - Overhead lights are a great solution for pedestrian safety.
 - Do not have to wait as long as Pedestrian Actuated Signal devices.
 - Make sure visibility for side street turning traffic.
- Lenore Drive adjacent to Bishop James Mahoney School
 - Suggest 50 kph posted speed limit west of Primrose Drive.
- Pinehouse Drive & La Ronge Road
 - Installing a median island on the west leg will make left turns off of La Ronge Road tougher.
 - Check if all the necessary pedestrian signage is in place.
 - Request a three-way stop controlled intersection. Seniors live on La Ronge Road.
 - Bus stop here is very busy.
 - Turning from La Ronge Road onto Pinehouse Drive is hard to do.
 - Existing crosswalk needs painting.
 - Enhanced pedestrian crossing anywhere on Pinehouse Drive with an Active Pedestrian Corridor device between Primrose Drive and Spadina Crescent. This location is the best one.
 - Bus stop located on the south leg should be moved further south. It is blocking vehicles from turning right from Pinehouse Drive onto La Ronge Road.
 - Install a standard crosswalk on the south leg.
 - Consider parking restrictions on the southwest side of the intersection about four to five car lengths long.
 - Witnessed lots of close calls at this intersection.
- Pinehouse Drive & Pinehouse Place
 - Pedestrian ramp is missing on the northeast corner of this intersection.
- Pinehouse Drive & Reindeer Road
 - Great idea, especially in the winter since it is often icy.
 - Lots of pedestrian traffic and lot of kids crossing.
 - Suggest zebra crosswalks.
 - Pedestrian ramps missing on the south side of this intersection
- Redberry Road & Reindeer Road

- Some group members thought that installing permanent medians would work better than portable school signs at each end of the school zone.
 - Some group members like the portable school signs.
- Whiteswan Drive between Lenore Drive and Pinehouse Drive
 - Want the speed display boards to come back more than once.
- Parking area north of soccer fields and Lawson Heights Civic Centre
 - Also want the existing pathway access improved.
 - There is a mud puddle that forms at the existing access.
- Primrose Drive & first access into Lawson Heights Mall east of Warman Road
 - Can we restrict left turns off of Primrose Drive into mall access?
- Pinehouse Drive & Spadina Crescent
 - Was a roundabout considered? It seems like a good idea.
- Roundabouts all down Spadina Crescent would be a good idea.
- Street name signs no longer reflective in this neighbourhood.

Next Steps

1. Mail-in or email comments no later than November 1st, 2019.
2. Additional public input via City Engage Page no later than November 1st, 2019.
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

Q: Are the changes recommended overlapped with transit system and are potential impacts to the transit routes considered?

A: All of the recommendations are reviewed by transit and adjustments are made, if needed. Usually, there aren't many conflicts because the transit routes are considered when developing the plan.

Patrick Barbar gave a brief presentation on enforcement practices. Discussed how Saskatoon Police Services is trying to take a more data driven approach when deciding where to dispatch officers.