

# CITY OF SASKATOON

## University Heights Suburban Centre (SC) Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, May 9, 2019

**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Forest Grove Community Church (502 Webster Street)

**Attendees:**

Name	Position
Kathy Dahl	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Mitch Riabko	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Justine Marcoux	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer University Heights SC Neighbourhood Traffic Review Project Manager
Nathalie Baudais	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer
Councillor Zach Jeffries	Ward 10 City Council Representative

**Items:**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Presentation from the Transportation Division**

(Presented by Justine Marcoux – Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – May 9, 2019

Resident: Other Studies / Projects – Traffic Signals at Lowe Rd & Nelson Rd could be a problem because traffic to/from Evergreen may race to get to the green light. Have doubts that it will be a good solution.

**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 University Heights SC and potential solutions.

Group 1: Nathalie Baudais

- Nelson Road & Lowe Road:
  - Prefer signals with protected left turn for westbound left turn
  - Concerns regarding pedestrian safety at roundabouts
  - Concerns with semi-trucks maneuvering around roundabouts
  - Traffic signals would help with access onto Lowe Road from apartment buildings
  - Transit buses block visibility of stop signs for northbound traffic
- Nelson Road:
  - Speeding between McOrmond Drive and Lowe Road, especially in the evenings. Photo radar or enforcement suggested.
  - Drivers pass on the right when drivers in the left lane are stopped for pedestrians.
  - More enforcement needed.
- Nelson Road & Heal Avenue
  - Pedestrian crossing issues.
  - There are 2 driveways very close to the crosswalk. Drivers focus on vehicle traffic to turn onto Nelson Road and don't see the pedestrians.
  - Something needs to be done. It is unsafe. Perhaps a pedestrian actuated device would resolve the issues.
- Nelson Road & Heath Avenue:
  - Would like an Actuated Pedestrian Crossing (APC) device.
  - Drivers don't stop for pedestrians.
  - Many elderly in the condo buildings on the north side.
  - If a device is installed, either side of the intersection would work but try to place it in line with the west side of the Milano driveway.
- Stensrud speed hump pilot project discussed.
- Entire University Heights Suburban Centre neighbourhood is not pedestrian-friendly.
- Lots of truck traffic on Nelson Road. Why don't they use Attridge Drive instead?
- Pavement marking repainting should start with curves rather than straight lines. The curves are where drivers need the most assistance.
- Lowe Road & Ludlow Street:
  - Pedestrian crossing safety needs to be addressed.
  - Students drive across to school.
- Sidewalk slope to Safeway (within the development, east of Heal Avenue) is steep and discontinuous (planted shrubs).
- Heal Avenue & Ludlow Street:
  - Should be a 4-way stop.

Group 2: Justine Marcoux

- Nelson Road & Lowe Road:
  - Drivers aren't stopping at the 4-way stop (particularly northbound right turn)
  - Lots of pedestrians (seniors and students) crossing. Roundabout is not a good solution for pedestrians.
  - Traffic signals would be a good solution but there might also be drivers speeding to catch a green light.
- Nelson Road:
  - There's a driveway near the 4-way stop at Lowe Road (east of intersection) that drivers are speeding by. Enforcement is needed. Vehicles parked near the driveway also make it difficult to see.
  - Speeding.
- Nelson Road & Heal Avenue:
  - Install flashing lights for pedestrians to cross or something to slow down drivers
- Nelson Road & Heath Avenue
  - Pedestrian sign is blocked by a tree. Install something to improve the pedestrian crossing.

**Next Steps**

1. Continue monitoring traffic issues in your neighbourhood
2. Mail-in or email comments no later than June 9, 2019
3. Additional public input via Engage Page no later than June 9, 2019
4. Traffic counts 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 Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

**Question and Answer**

Resident: Lowe Road. Centennial Collegiate green space has lots of family activities during the summer months. Vehicles parked on Lowe Road. Speeds are a concern. Speeds should be reduced to 40 kph during the summer months.

Justine: City-wide Speed Limit Review is currently undergoing. Playgrounds and school zones will be considered as part of that review.