

**Willowgrove Neighbourhood
Traffic Review
Wednesday, November 23, 2016, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.
SaskTel Sports Centre
150 Nelson Road**

Facilitators:

- Mitch Riabko & Kathy Dahl (Great Works Consulting)

Agenda

- Welcome & introductions
- Presentation from the Transportation Division
- Small group discussions
- Small group discussion – report back to large group
- Next Steps
- Question / Answers

Presentation from Transportation Division – Willowgrove Neighbourhood Traffic Review
(Presented by Justine Marcoux – Transportation Engineer)

Presentation Outline:

- Neighbourhood Traffic Review Process
- Willowgrove Review Schedule
- What We Heard
- What We Did
- What We Propose

Neighbourhood Traffic Review Process:

- August 2013 – changes to program
 - Neighbourhood-wide review rather than street-by-street or intersection-by-intersection
 - More community / stakeholder feedback
 - Efficient use of staff resources
- Mandate: improve safety for all road users within neighbourhoods; reduce traffic volumes where necessary, slow vehicular speeds, improve pedestrian crossings & intersections
- 2014 – 11 neighbourhoods
- 2015 – 8 neighbourhoods
- 2016 – Willowgrove, Grosvenor Park, Hampton Village, Sutherland, Parkridge, Silverspring, Lakeridge, Stonebridge

How We Got Here:

- June 2016 – Initial Traffic Meeting
- June to November 2016 – gather feedback, conduct traffic studies, collect data, develop traffic plan
- November 2016 – Follow Up Traffic Meeting - present draft traffic plan and gather feedback
- 2017 – Revise draft traffic plan, approval from Council, implement recommendations

What We Heard:

A. Speeding / Pedestrian Safety:

- Muzyka Rd
- Stensrud Rd
- Willowgrove Blvd
- Addison Rd
- Patrick Cres
- Paton Cres
- Lamarsh Rd

B. Other:

- Keedwell St – high traffic volumes; road is narrow due to parking on both sides
- Cul-de-sacs – drivers entering thinking it's a through road and speeding out
- Back lanes – speeding
- Patrick Ave / Lane / Way – danger at uncontrolled intersections
- Willowgrove Square – lane designation needed

What We Did:

- Collected Data:
 - Past studies
 - Comments from initial meeting
 - Resident responses (phone calls, emails, letters)
 - Recorded comments from Shaping Saskatoon discussions
 - 4 Intersection / Pedestrian counts
 - 9 – 7 day traffic count (24 hour) & Average Speed measurements
 - Collision history
- Field Reviews
- Assessed the Issues
- Generated proposed recommendations

What We Propose:

- Raised Median Islands & Curb Extensions
 - Directional Closure
 - Speed Display Board
 - Active Pedestrian Corridor
 - Crosswalks
 - Yield signs
 - Parking restrictions
 - General signs (cul-de-sacs, 20kph, playground)
- **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 Willowgrove and potential solutions

Refer to separate attachment for small group comments.

Next Steps

1. Send comments no later than Dec 23/16
2. Additional public input via City on-line Community Engagement webpage no later than Dec 23/16

<http://shapingsaskatoon.ca/discussions/willowgrove-neighbourhood-traffic-review-meeting>

3. Additional consultation if required
4. Present traffic plan to Transportation Committee
5. Present traffic plan to City Council for approval
6. What happens after City Council approval?
 - Implementation begins. Signs and temporary traffic calming will be installed as early as next spring (2017)
7. What if I don't agree?
 - Opportunities to speak to Transportation Committee as well as Council,
 - After Council approval recommendations are installed temporary. Opportunity to provide feedback on how the devices are working. Feedback will help us decide whether to remove or install permanent.

Q&A

Resident: Will Lowe Road and Nelson Road (currently a 4-way stop) have traffic signals?

Councillor Jeffries: I put in a request to the Administration to review the intersection and traffic signals were recommended.

City: This location is on the city-wide priority list for traffic signals and will be installed when funded.

Resident: When will the McOrmond / Highway 5 Interchange be built?

City: Construction is expected to begin in spring 2017 and wrap up in October 2018. Bids on the project need to be in by December. At that time there will be more information on the design, construction, and public consultation. Information will be posted to the Shaping Saskatoon website if there's any information currently available.

Resident: How will the interchange line up with Brighton? Will it connect to 8th St?

City: Information will be posted to Shaping Saskatoon if available. If information has not yet been released, it will be in the future as part of that project. (Additional information: the interchange will provide a connection to the Brighton neighbourhood and McOrmond Rd

from Highway 5. There is currently a heavy demand for the left turn movement from Highway 5 that needs to be addressed due to safety. The interchange will address these issues.)

List of Representatives

Mitch Riabko, Kathy Dahl – Great Works Consulting, Facilitators

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