

CITY OF SASKATOON

Pacific Heights / Kensington Neighbourhood Traffic Review Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Father Vachon School, Gymnasium (3722 Centennial Drive)

Attendees:

Name	Position
Kathy Dahl	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Mitch Riabko	Facilitator, Great Works Consulting
Justine Marcoux	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer Pacific Heights / Kensington Neighbourhood Traffic Review Project Manager
Nathalie Baudais	City of Saskatoon Transportation Engineer
Councillor Ann Iwanchuk	Ward 3 City Council Representative
Patrick Barbar	Staff Sergeant Traffic Unit Saskatoon City Police

Items:

Welcome and Introductions

Presentation from the Transportation Division

(Presented by Justine Marcoux – Transportation Engineer)

See Attachment: Presentation – April 9, 2019

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 Pacific Heights - Kensington and potential solutions.

Group 1: Nathalie Baudais

- Centennial Drive:
 - Paving stone crosswalks are degraded, a waste of money, cars bottom out, and not kept up
- 22nd Street:
 - Speed limit is too low (at 60kph)
 - Fairmont Drive should be closed or an additional lane provided
- Diefenbaker Drive:
 - Speed display board between Steeves Avenue & Kensington Boulevard needed
 - Diefenbaker Drive & Steeves Avenue - eastbound traffic does not stop for the stop sign; needs more enforcement
 - Diefenbaker Drive & Laurier Drive - northbound detector not working, long wait times for left turning vehicles
 - Diefenbaker Drive & Michener Crescent (east) - parked cars blocking view of crosswalk
 - Road narrows at Childers Crescent (to Kensington Boulevard) making it difficult to pass; parking creates visibility issues
- Palliser Way:
 - Speeding
 - Palliser Way & Kensington Boulevard – parking on the corner too close to the intersection, children play in the street which is unsafe
 - Palliser Way & Palliser Court – yield sign needed
 - Drivers aren't stopping when exiting the Popeyes driveway
- Kensington Boulevard:
 - Speeding
 - Driveway from Save-on-Foods should be right out only
- Circle Drive northbound off-ramp to 22nd Street:
 - Need pavement markings, drivers treating it as dual left turns
 - Check northbound signal timing, seems too short which is why drivers make dual lefts.

Group 2: Justine Marcoux

- Centennial Drive:
 - City leaves snow piles on edge of street. When kids are waiting for the bus they play on snow piles. Very dangerous. Snow should be removed because this is a school bus route.
 - Road narrows in at Childers Crescent to Kensington Boulevard making it difficult to pass. Garbage cans further narrow the street.
 - Centennial Drive & Cockburn Crescent – install a pedestrian device; street name sign is obstructed by tree as well as a few other locations on Centennial Drive
 - Centennial Drive & Lisgar Avenue – crosswalk or median island / curb extension needed

- Centennial Drive & Diefenbaker Drive - not in favor of full traffic signals. Would prefer to see a pedestrian signal only.
- Schools (Father Vachon & Lester B Pearson):
 - No U-turn sign needed
 - Can't see pedestrians or oncoming vehicles due to parked cars
- Diefenbaker Drive:
 - Speeding between the Bishop Roborecki school zone and Steeves Avenue; drag racing
 - Diefenbaker Drive & Lisgar Avenue – parking too close to intersection
- Lisgar Avenue - speeding
- Schools – review the limits for each school zone. Westgate Academy Alliance should be much shorter and seems unnecessary when you can't tell it's a school. The school zone in front of Father Vachon and Lester B. Pearson Schools should be longer as there are many kids here.

Next Steps

1. Continue monitoring traffic issues in your neighbourhood
2. Mail-in or email comments no later than May 9, 2019
3. Additional public input via Engage Page no later than May 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: Diefenbaker Drive & Centennial Drive traffic signals. Any value in having signals when it's a school zone?

Justine: It will improve pedestrian safety at the intersection.

Resident: I'm concerned with the coordination of other traffic signals (at Laurier Drive). They are very close together. A pedestrian device with push button is needed but maybe not a full traffic signal.

Resident: Kensington Boulevard, northbound is set up for two lanes and says Right Lane Ends but people continue to drive through. There should be a physical obstruction to prevent traffic from going through.

Justine: Comment is noted and location will be reviewed.