

Bicycle Bylaw Update – High Traffic Corridors – Follow Up

ISSUE

This report presents the findings of consultation with the Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to identify the high traffic corridors within their boundaries related to restricting cycling on sidewalks.

BACKGROUND

The Standing Policy Committee on Transportation (SPCT) at its meeting held on May 4, 2020, received an information report listing the high pedestrian traffic corridors identified by each BID for their respective BID areas.

City Council, at its Regular Business Meeting held on May 25, 2020, considered The Bicycle Bylaw, 2020 and The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2020 - Proposed Bylaw Nos. 9705 and 9706 report and resolved, in part:

“That further consideration of Bylaw No. 9705, *The Bicycle Bylaw, 2020* be deferred to the July meeting of City Council and that Administration report back upon consultation with the Business Improvement Districts which high traffic corridors should be restricted within this Bylaw with respect to restricting cycling on sidewalks and that those restrictions be included for consideration of the Bylaw.”

CURRENT STATUS

Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw currently prohibits cycling on sidewalks unless the sidewalk is designated as a shared-use pathway. The current practice is to not ticket children under the age of 12 pursuant to provincial legislation, but no age limit is clearly included in the existing bylaw.

City Council, at its Regular Business Meeting held on February 24, 2020, resolved that children under the age of 14 be permitted to cycle on sidewalks.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In March 2020, the Administration invited each BID to meet to discuss and identify high pedestrian traffic corridors in BID areas. Each BID was asked their opinion on which corridors they consider to be the high traffic pedestrian corridors in their respective BID areas. Written responses from the BIDs identifying these corridors were appended to the May 4, 2020 SPCT report.

Following direction from City Council received on May 25, 2020, the Administration consulted with each BID to confirm, of the previously identified high traffic pedestrian corridors, which corridors should be restricted within the Bicycle Bylaw with respect to restricting cycling on sidewalks.

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Emails were sent to each BID Director asking them to identify the corridors restrictions. Written responses from the BIDs are included in Appendix 1. The following is a summary of the responses from each BID.

Broadway BID	Children under 14 should be allowed to ride on the sidewalks of Broadway Avenue. Especially because we have an elementary school and daycare located on it.
Downtown BID	When asked for our position on cycling on sidewalks, the Board of Management for Downtown Saskatoon indicated to retain the status quo – no cycling permitted on sidewalks regardless of age.
Riversdale BID	As stated in our letter dated February 24, 2020, cyclists should not be permitted to ride on the sidewalks in the commercial areas of the RBID.
Sutherland BID	Children under the age of 14 should not be permitted to cycle on the west side of Central from 108 th to 112 th .
33 rd Street BID	No input provided.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

Legal implications that deal with the enforceability were not reviewed. Social implications, outside of safety, were not reviewed. Environmental benefits have not been reviewed.

NEXT STEPS

The City Solicitor is drafting a new bylaw, Bylaw No. 9705, The Bicycle Bylaw, and will provide this for consideration to City Council, at its Regular Business Meeting scheduled for July 27, 2020.

Should City Council identify corridors to be restricted within the Bike Bylaw with respect to restricting cycling on sidewalks, further amendments will be required.

A communications plan will be ready for implementation following adoption of Bylaw No. 9705, The Bicycle Bylaw.

APPENDICES

1. Written Submissions from Business Improvement Districts

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