
2018 Neighbourhood Traffic Management Reviews

Recommendation

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:
That the ten neighbourhoods selected for 2018 traffic reviews, as part of the Neighbourhood Traffic Management Program, include College Park, College Park East, Riversdale, Eastview, Nutana Suburban Centre, Westview, Massey Place, Fairhaven, River Heights and Forest Grove.

Topic and Purpose

This report identifies the ten neighbourhoods selected for traffic reviews in 2018. The traffic reviews are intended to address local traffic concerns such as speeding, shortcutting, pedestrian accommodation, and parking.

Report Highlights

The ten neighbourhoods selected for traffic reviews include College Park, College Park East, Riversdale, Eastview, Nutana Suburban Centre, Westview, Massey Place, Fairhaven, River Heights and Forest Grove based on Councillor input, collision history, number of concerns received, and number of existing temporary traffic calming devices.

Strategic Goal

This report supports the Strategic Goal of Moving Around as it improves the safety of all road users (pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers), and helps provide a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Background

City Council, at its meeting held on August 14, 2013, approved a new process within the Neighbourhood Traffic Management Program. This process includes a strategy to review concerns on a neighbourhood-wide basis by engaging the community and stakeholders in first identifying specific traffic issues, and secondly, developing joint recommendations that address the issues. The progress to date is illustrated in Attachment 1 and summarized below.

In 2014, Neighbourhood Traffic Plans were developed for the following eleven neighbourhoods: Varsity View, Westmount, Brevoort Park, Holliston, Haultain, Hudson Bay Park, Caswell Hill, City Park, Kelsey-Woodlawn, Mayfair, and Nutana.

In 2015, Neighbourhood Traffic Plans were developed for the following eight neighbourhoods: Mount Royal, Adelaide-Churchill, Lakeview, Meadowgreen, Montgomery Place, Confederation Park, Avalon, and Greystone Heights.

In 2016, Neighbourhood Traffic Plans were developed for the following eight neighbourhoods: Stonebridge, Willowgrove, Hampton Village, Silverspring, Grosvenor Park, Lakeridge, Sutherland, and Parkridge.

In 2017, Neighbourhood Traffic Plans are being developed for the following eleven neighbourhoods: Queen Elizabeth, Exhibition, Buena Vista, Erindale, Arbor Creek, Pleasant Hill, Dundonald, North Park, Richmond Heights, Silverwood Heights and Wildwood.

Report

The remaining neighbourhoods were prioritized based on the following criteria:

- Councillor priorities (3 points per selection);
- Collisions (0 points for low, 1 point for medium, 2 points for high);
- Number of outstanding concerns (1 point per concern); and
- Number of temporary traffic calming devices in place (1 point per device).

In two instances, adjacent neighbourhoods were grouped together in order to maximize efficiencies and to accommodate more people and neighbourhoods, resulting in eight separate traffic reviews.

This process results in the following neighbourhoods selected for 2018 traffic reviews:

1. College Park/College Park East (Ward 8);
2. Riversdale (Ward 2);
3. Eastview/Nutana Suburban Centre (Ward 7);
4. Westview (Ward 4);
5. Massey Place (Ward 4);
6. Fairhaven (Ward 3);
7. River Heights (Ward 5); and
8. Forest Grove (Ward 1).

Speeding concerns in other neighbourhoods will continue to be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

The prioritization of the neighbourhoods is outlined in Attachment 2.

The neighbourhood traffic reviews for the Rosewood, Lakewood Suburban Centre, Pacific Heights, and Evergreen neighbourhoods will not proceed in 2018 as the traffic patterns in these neighbourhoods will continue to evolve until development is complete.

Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement

Public meetings will be held for each of the eight reviews, including an initial meeting with residents and stakeholders, to identify specific traffic concerns and potential improvements, and a second meeting to present a neighbourhood draft traffic plan for discussion. A third meeting may be held if significant changes of the traffic plan are proposed. The neighbourhoods grouped together will attend a combined meeting.

Residents and business owners who cannot attend the meetings will be able to provide feedback via the City of Saskatoon's (City) online neighbourhood traffic concerns form, online engagement portal, or by phone, email, or mail.

Initial meetings will be held in spring 2018, while the second meetings will be held in fall 2018. The City's internal departments will have an opportunity to provide input on the plan pertaining to the impact on their operations.

Communication Plan

Residents and stakeholders in each neighbourhood will be invited to attend both meetings. The meeting invitations will be provided as follows:

- A flyer delivered to each residence in the neighbourhood;
- Through the Events section of the saskatoon.ca homepage;
- Through the online engagement portal;
- Through requesting the neighbourhood community associations to post the information on their website or social media pages; and
- By notifying the appropriate Councillor.

The collection of issues and potential improvements will be compiled through the following:

- The online engagement portal;
- Written submissions at the meetings;
- Written notes taken by the Administration at the meetings; and
- Written, verbal, and e-mail submission to the Administration.

Financial Implications

The resources required to undertake the neighbourhood traffic reviews outlined in this report are estimated at \$250,000, and will be submitted for approval as part of the 2018 Business Plan and Detailed Budget under Capital Project #1512 – Neighbourhood Traffic Management funded from the Traffic Safety Reserve. Temporary traffic calming measures installed from recommendations with individual reviews are included in this funding.

Improvements identified in the traffic plans are funded through the Traffic Safety Reserve. The purpose of the Traffic Safety Reserve is to provide funding for vehicular traffic, pedestrian, and safety related projects, including traffic calming. It is funded from the City's share of the fine revenue generated from red light cameras and Automated Speed Enforcement.

Environmental Implications

Neighbourhood traffic reviews are expected to have positive greenhouse gas emissions implications, as the goal is to reduce total vehicle mileage in a neighbourhood by reducing speeds and improving conditions for walking, cycling, and transit use.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no options, policy, privacy, or CPTED considerations or implications.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

A report presenting the traffic plan will be prepared for each neighbourhood, and an annual report outlining the previous years' selections will be presented to City Council.

Public Notice

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Attachments

1. Neighbourhood Traffic Review Distribution (Map)
2. Neighbourhood Prioritization List

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