

# Traffic Control Stop and Yield Policy Update

### ISSUE

The Administration is requesting City Council approval of an update to Council Policy C07-007, Traffic Control – Use of Stop and Yield Signs (Council Policy C07-007).

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:  
That Council Policy C07-007, Traffic Control – Use of Stop and Yield Signs be revised as per the details provided in this report.

### BACKGROUND

City Council approved Council Policy C07-007 in August 1980 and the policy was last updated in January 2009. The policy outlines the criteria for installing stop and yield signs to reduce collisions, promote the use of intersection capacity, and assign right-of-way.

### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The Administration uses Council Policy C07-007 to determine the criteria for the installation of stop and yield signs. The policy follows national best practices and guidelines and assists the Administration in making decisions regarding the appropriate use of traffic control at intersections consistently throughout the city.

The Administration has reviewed and updated Council Policy C07-007 (Appendix 1) to better reflect current practices. Changes have been made throughout the policy to improve clarity and reduce confusion. The policy has also been updated to use more modern language.

Part of the decision process for the installation of stop and yield signs is reviewing the collision history for the intersection. The existing policy reviews the collision history from the previous year when considering the installation of stop and yield signs. The updated policy will investigate the year with the highest number of collisions from the previous three years to highlight potential collision trends, and identify intersections with collision patterns that could be corrected through the installation of traffic control devices.

The Administration has found there are unique circumstances where the safety of intersections with specific dangerous driving behaviours could be improved through an upgrade in the traffic control device, even if the intersection does not meet the current warrant criteria. The updated policy would allow the Administration to install a stop or yield traffic control to help prevent or reduce the number of collisions at these locations.

### **NEXT STEPS**

The policy, if approved, would be posted to the City website (Saskatoon.ca). The Administration would follow the updated policy when making decisions regarding the installation of traffic control devices.

### **APPENDICES**

1. Council Policy C07-007, Traffic Control – Use of Stop and Yield Signs

### **REPORT APPROVAL**

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