

Community Road Safety Advisory Committee 2021 Approved Work Plan

Awareness and Understanding

As the Community Road Safety Advisory Committee (CRSAC) is new to the City it will be important for Committee members to spend a significant portion of their work in the first part of the year gaining an understanding of a wide array of issues and background information that will provide a strong foundation for recommendations to Council. Additionally, the Committee will also examine the terms of reference, that were obviously established prior to the formation and member appointments, and either confirm or suggest refinements.

The following list has been prioritized by the CRSAC as items to receive further documentation/information, presentations, discussion:

1. Automated Traffic Enforcement (completed at January 13, 2021 meeting)
 - Presentation by administration outlining program, authorities, stats, etc.
 - Previous reports
 - Statistics
2. School and playground zones/areas (completed at January 13, 2021 meeting)
3. Crosswalk standards and practices (completed at March 10, 2021 meeting)
4. Parking standards and practices
 - Including parking close to schools (i.e. overflow into residential), angle parking, recreational vehicles, etc.
5. City of Spruce Grove Traffic Safety Plan (completed at July 14, 2021 meeting)
6. Roundabouts
 - Including City of Spruce Grove traffic innovations/planning for future
7. Transportation Master Plan and applicable Bylaws
 - Include Hwy 16A Corridor
8. Information from others that would assist the CRSAC with making recommendations
 - City Centre Business Association (CCBA), Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Capital Region Intersection Safety Partnership (CRISP), etc.
9. Roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders
 - RCMP/CPO connection (completed at May 12, 2021 meeting)
 - RCMP integrated detachment model (completed at September 8, 2021 meeting – RCMP in attendance)
 - Enforcement/Public Works/Engineering/Planning

10. CRSAC Terms of Reference (completed at March 10 & May 12, 2021 meeting) & presented to Council on September 27, 2021. Third reading of amending bylaw passed at January 10, 2022 Council Meeting and has been consolidated into the CRSAC bylaw 1098-19.

- Examination and possible enhancement/clarity of definitions (i.e. “road”, “vehicular”, etc.)
- Trail considerations
- Additional or refined scope considerations

Review and Analysis

This section of the work plan lays out the items that will be reviewed and analyzed for possible recommendations and/or considerations. This was formulated with suggestions from administration (things they have heard from Council, the community, or desire input on themselves), Committee Council member(s), and the Committee members.

A significant topic of conversation has been the difference and need to understand and provide clarity related to the “perception vs. reality” on a number of topics. Instead of addressing this as a separate and distinct topic, the Committee felt that this would be a part of each of the various topics throughout the work plan and could possibly lead to recommendations for enhanced education and awareness for the community.

1. Automated Traffic Enforcement
 - Review and comment on annual report (completed at May 12, 2021 meeting)
 - Review/recommend education and awareness opportunities
 - Review Council policy
2. Speed Limits (information provided at March 10, 2021 meeting) (brought required considerations, and examples of other cities in Alberta that have recently reduced their residential speed limits at July 14, 2021 meeting). CRSAC Chair presented to Council on September 27, 2021 – will be part of business case in 2022-2024 corporate plan.
 - Residential (i.e. 40 km?) and Hwy 16A review and recommendations
 - Review and analyze other “tools” (i.e. speed signs) and engineering controls
 - Impact of street parking on speed limit perceptions
3. Peace Officer Traffic Pilot (completed at September 8, 2021 meeting). CRSAC Chair presented to Council on September 27, 2021 – will be part of business case in 2022-2024 corporate plan.
 - Review of the current initiative and recommend continuation and/or changes
4. High Load Corridor (information item provided at July 14, 2021 meeting)
 - Review the completed work as approved in the Corporate Plan
5. Distracted Driving
 - Review of current issue
 - Investigate additional measures and possible education
6. Other Ad Hoc Work

As issues arise, and where the Committee has time, there will be additional input and feedback sought where necessary as it relates to the mandate of the Committee. Items may include, but are not limited to:

- Snow and Ice Control policy changes
 - Visibility as it relates to overall policy decisions (i.e. shrubs, trees)
 - Noise study and possible measures (assuming connection to speed and safety)
 - Other applicable bylaw changes (i.e. Traffic Bylaw)
 - Other major projects (i.e. City Centre ARP work) (June 28th Council RFD and attachments provided as information item to Committee at July 14, 2021 meeting)
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- September 27, 2021 CRSAC Meeting: Administration brought forward information for CRSAC to review and support implementation of a protected-only left turn traffic signal light phasing at the intersection of Highway 16A and Campsite Road / Jennifer Heil Way. They also supported that Administration consider additional intersections throughout the City.
 - November 17, 2021 CRSAC Meeting: Committee brought forward Traffic Flow Plans in New Developments. Discussion took place regarding design of flow patterns in new neighbourhoods where the streets are narrow and visibility is an issue; the design of entrance and exit flows out of shopping and retail areas.