



The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich

REGULAR COUNCIL REPORT

For the Regular Council meeting on Monday, May 27, 2024

Re: Q1 Traffic Safety Committee Update

PURPOSE:

Provide Council with a 2024 Quarter 1 Traffic Safety Committee Update.

BACKGROUND:

The Traffic Safety Committee (TSC) is comprised of members of the Central Saanich Police, Engineering, and the Bylaw Departments.

Staff meet every two months, or as frequently as required to respond to traffic safety concerns identified by Council, staff, or members of the public. During each meeting, staff review any correspondence referred to the Committee, or to discuss other traffic safety concerns identified since the previous meeting.

Items received between scheduled meetings deemed high importance are addressed without delay. Those items consist of downed signs, traffic light malfunctions, potholes, sight visibility problems, debris on roadway and other similar calls received.

DISCUSSION:

In the first quarter of 2024, the TSC met on January 30, 2024 and again on March 12, 2024 to review referrals received regarding traffic safety concerns. Listing of all Q1 TSC business is attached at (Appendix A). The concerns consisted of:

- Crosswalks/signage/lighting
- Bicycle safety
- Speed limit reduction request/speed humps
- Parking issues/signage/curb painting
- Traffic concerns due to Keating Flyover Project

Staff have addressed several of the concerns raised. Some items are more complex in nature and will require detailed assessments through with the undertaking of speed and traffic counts or capital funds to complete. Items raised that are listed in the Active Transportation Plan will be reviewed for implementation as the overall ATP progresses through Annual Capital Planning. Other measures based upon the BC TAC Manual, and the BC Active Transportation Guidelines will be considered and implemented as appropriate to the concerns raised.

Concerns raised due to the Flyover project were referred to the MOTI representative or address by Staff as appropriate.

Traffic Safety actions and implementations completed in Q1, 2024:

- Installation of a raised cross-walk on Marchant Road at the location of the pedestrian pathway to Knute Way and Brentwood Elementary, with partial funding from ICBC’s road safety program.
- Line painting and signage for bicycle staging lane at Lochside Drive and Island View Road.
- Installation of 4 speed reader boards procured in 2023: 1- East Saanich Road, North of Jeffree Road for Southbound traffic, 2- Mt. St Michael Road, 3- Wallace Drive East of Hagan for Southbound traffic, 4- Verling Avenue.
- Speed limit reduction from 50km/hr to 30km/hr on Central Saanich Road between East Saanich Road and Saanich Cross Road near Keating Elementary.
- Requests for signage reviewed and implemented as warranted.
- Start of review of municipal road speed limits with respect to NACTO and Vision Zero.

Bylaw Actions from the TSC Q1, 2024

Bylaw Services is continuing work on an updating the Traffic & Highways Bylaw to improve matters such as:

- clearance standards for vegetation
- the implementation of the Active Transportation Plan, including adjusting speed limits and use of “elephants feet” as approved pavement markings
- clearer language on enforceable matters (e.g. yellow curbs)
- vehicle movement every 72 hours

And to introduce the Bylaw Offence Notice where tickets can be mailed and adjudicated over the phone versus in Traffic Court (which is the case with Municipal Tickets).

Police Actions from the TSC Q1, 2024

Central Saanich Police have increased speed enforcement in areas where frequent driver behaviour is noted by residents, areas include:

- Wallace Drive between Brentwood Bay Elementary School and Bayside Middle School

CONCLUSION:

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Concurrence by:	Jarret Matanowitsch, Director of Building & Planning Services
Concurrence by:	Emilie Gorman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A: Q1 Traffic Safety Items