



The Corporation of the District of Central Saanich

REGULAR COUNCIL REPORT

For the Regular Council meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024

Re: Q2 2024 Traffic Safety Committee Update

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with a Traffic Safety Committee Update for Q2 2024.

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 second quarter of 2024, the TSC met on May 6 and June 10, 2024 to review referrals received regarding traffic safety concerns. Listing of all Q2 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 addressed by Staff as appropriate.

Traffic Safety actions and implementations completed in Q2, 2024:

- Correction or removal of several regulatory traffic signs,
- Street marking repairs,
- Requests for signage reviewed and implemented as warranted.
- Start of review of municipal road speed limits with respect to NACTO and Vision Zero.
- Submission of application to ICBC Road Safety Program for upgrades to crosswalks at Wallace and Hovey Road (decision pending)
- Under the umbrella of general Engineering business; design of upgraded crosswalks at East Saanich Road and Jeffree, and East Saanich at Polo Park, to be constructed with sidewalk and bike lane project.
- Meetings with residents on concerns along Wallace Drive between Brentwood Elementary and Bayside Middle schools.

Bylaw Actions from the TSC Q2, 2024

Bylaw Services is continuing work on 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 Q2, 2024

Central Saanich Police continue to conduct 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
- Keating Cross Road
- Central Saanich Road
- East Saanich Road

Police continue enforcement of the commercial truck detour route for the Flyover project.

Police also provide observations to Engineering on signage, site lines, road conditions, operation of speed reader boards or other operational matters relating to traffic safety. Staff action those items as high priority.

CONCLUSION:

The District maintains a record of issues identified and discussed by the Committee, as well as any decisions made, and action taken (or not taken) to address concerns.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Appendix A: Q2 Traffic Safety Items