

**20<sup>th</sup> Street between Avenue P to Avenue K (Public Input)**  
**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**  
**Thursday, May 22, 2014, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.**  
**St. Mary's School**

Facilitators:

- Mitch Riabko & Kathy Dahl (Great Works Consulting)

Meeting Overview & Introductions

- Kathy and Mitch introduced themselves.
- The meeting is about the resident's involvement, finding out what the residents want and don't want within their neighbourhood when it comes to pedestrian safety. It is the resident's evening to share concerns and resolutions.
- Tonight's process is intended to get the most information from the residents to support their needs.
- Everyone is encouraged to participate during the table discussions.
- Based on the resident's feedback, the City will draft a traffic plan that reflects what the neighbourhood wants to see for pedestrian safety.
- Reviewed the Foundations for Success for a positive discussion in finding resolutions together:
  - o Sharing & gathering what is important as a whole community.
  - o Respect every comment that comes forward and respect each other.
  - o Integrity – speak your mind and be honest.
  - o Everyone to participate with respect and have fair representation.
  - o Fair and equal representation to allow everyone to give their opinion.
  - o Allow everyone to speak – no repetitive discussion in order that everyone has an opportunity to participate
  - o Orderly participation to allow opportunity for everyone.
- St. Mary teachers, students and neighbourhood community Association were present to share their experiences and recommend solutions.

Presentation by Shirley Matt – Traffic Management Engineer

Pedestrian Concerns:

- 20<sup>th</sup> Street & Avenue K crosswalks.
- Crossing from Avenue P to Avenue K.

Pedestrian Studies:

- Ave O to Avenue K study was done to show how the crosswalks are used.

- Removal of the Pedestrian Actuated Signal (PAS) signal from Avenue O to Avenue N as the new school is now facing Avenue N.
- Adding a third PAS signal will disrupt traffic flow on 20<sup>th</sup> Street with the signals alternating.
- Signals tied in with traffic lights will make for a longer wait to cross.
- Pedestrians cross at every intersection.
- Flashing beacon, Active Pedestrian Corridor (APC) and high visibility paint are options.

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Street – Group Discussion:

- Residents and students gave their comments to City Council last fall that was documented in video requesting a number of solutions; frustrated that they have not been heard and City is not listening; petition to get pedestrian lights moved to Avenue N.
- City proposed a zebra crosswalk at Avenue N in the presentation. Not suitable as the zebra crosswalk does not show through snow; traffic lights are needed at Avenue N.
- Light removed at 19<sup>th</sup> & Ave P and have been requesting since 1998.
- Install cautionary signage – slow speeds to 30kph limit.
- The parking lot & Good Food Junction (grocery store) about 70 employees cross at 8am and 5pm every day; drivers do not stop for pedestrians; kids cross to Library.
- Avenue N students are unable to cross; teachers try to take the children across and end up waiting 2 to 3 minutes before anyone will stop; need to install traffic lights /Pedestrian Activated Signals.
- The crosswalk at Avenue N, vehicles stop in centre lane and other vehicles swerve passing on the right nearly hitting the children.
- City staff should do a walk about and try to cross 20<sup>th</sup> Street/field review.
- Want a controlled crosswalk/stop sign.
- Flashing lights similar to Avenue P.
- Two children were hit at Avenue N last year.
- Need a set of lights installed at Avenue N location.
- Flashing lights at Avenue K location.
- Cautionary signage needed from Avenue O to Avenue N to make people aware there is a school.
- An amber crossing, signal for grocery shoppers and school children – something that gives visibility to make people aware.
- Same safety issues are all year as in the summer months they have youth and summer camp.
- School zone painting is a priority; markings are all worn off (faded); painted in mid-June when school is over – should be painted earlier (the end of May).

- Want to leave confident knowing the school zone on 20<sup>th</sup> St between Avenue M and Avenue O will be set up by September.
- City will look at an approval from City Council to have school zone in by September.
- No signage was installed at the school zone as school's need to request signage – new facilities need to take safety into consideration.
- Police- 20<sup>th</sup> St is bad for jaywalking; also agrees 20<sup>th</sup> St should have school zone; easier to enforce school zones; school zone and enforcement will significantly improve the conditions structures being built – City needs to make the information more clear and accessible.
- Pleasant Hill 2006 had an LAP completed and some of the requests still have not been addressed; review the document.

Letter provided by St. Mary's Staff:

- In support of pedestrian-activated light at Avenue N and school zone on 20<sup>th</sup> Street.
- December 16<sup>th</sup> 2013, two students presented at City Council meeting explaining school's concerns regarding children being at risk crossing street before and after school at corner of 20<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue N.
- Many families live on 100 and 200 blocks of Avenue N South.
- Concerns about traffic not stopping for students.

Shirley Matt:

- The pedestrian issues can be addressed by moving one signal crossing, City will definitely take this into consideration. Initially there will be a temporary painted crosswalk until a permanent crosswalk is approved by City Council, and will not happen this year due to the budget; therefore, placed next year.
- Will look at an upgrade the crossing at the Food Junction and where the parking lot is located.
- School zone signs with 30kph will be installed this September.
- CP Rail running through the city is an issue and holds up traffic. The City and CP Rail are trying to work out an agreement to move tracks outside the city.

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- 20<sup>th</sup> Street is bad for Jay walking – street should have been a “T”
- Amber crosswalks and extra signs are a great idea as people need a reminder and having enforcement will make a difference.

### Next Steps

- Data gathered from the meeting along with technical data will be reviewed to determine a recommendation for the area.'
- Will collect Mail-in Pedestrian Observation comments up to June 30, 2014
- Additional public input via City on-line Community Engagement webpage up to June 30, 2014  
[http://shapingsaskatoon.ca/discussions/20th Street Pedestrian Safety](http://shapingsaskatoon.ca/discussions/20th_Street_Pedestrian_Safety)
- The Community will be notified of the recommendation by flyers, and shapingsaskatoon.ca.
- The City will also notify Community Association.
- A Report with recommendations will go to City Council for approval of school zone prior to fall.

### List of Representatives

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