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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee - Update****Report Purpose**

To provide the Priorities Committee with an update on the proposed mandate and terms of reference for the new Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC).

Council History

January 23, 2018 – Council approved “THAT Administration prepare a bylaw, for Council’s consideration by the third quarter of 2018, in order to establish a Council committee titled Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC); this committee is to be comprised of non-voting Council members (one member and one alternate), as well as up to seven members of the public (at least two members to be rural representatives), with administrative support provided by Enforcement Services and Transportation Planning and Engineering; this committee’s terms of reference is to include advising Council on local and rural area traffic concerns and solutions, as well as suggestions for soliciting feedback from the public on traffic safety issues.”

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: Having effective Council Committees is one way to support public engagement and communication with the community on issues affecting the County’s future.

Social: Using Council Committees may help to develop strong neighbourhoods and communities that support the diverse needs of residents.

Culture: n/a

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: Section 145 of the MGA provides that a Council may establish Council Committees by bylaw. Such a bylaw may establish the function of the Committee and the procedures to be followed.

Interdepartmental: Enforcement Services, Transportation Planning and Engineering, Legislative and Legal Services.

Summary

As noted above, Council directed Administration to prepare a bylaw for the establishment of a traffic safety advisory committee. The purpose of this committee is to provide advice to Council on traffic safety issues and to advise on opportunities for public engagement as it relates to traffic safety matters.

At present, the County has developed and follows traffic safety initiatives and programs to support the vision of becoming Canada’s most livable community. The Traffic Safety Strategic Plan 2020 (TSSP 2020), as set out in Enclosure 1, defines and outlines the vision

that “No one is seriously injured or killed while traveling on Strathcona County’s road network.” The mission statement provides that “Strathcona County is committed to the proactive implementation of integrated, evidence based, and collaborative road safety strategies to create an increasingly safe and sustainable transportation environment.” The development of the TTSSP 2020 includes 13 specific strategies in pursuit of improved traffic safety in Strathcona County. Of the 13 strategies, 7 have been implemented, 3 are under review, and 3 more are considered longer term implementation strategies.

In addition to the TSSP 2020, Strathcona County has existing policies, bylaws, and plans that incorporate traffic safety components that are entrenched within them.

- The Integrated Transportation Master Plan (ITMP)
- The Transit Master Plan (TMP)
- The Sustainable Rural Road Master Plan (SRRMP)
- The Design and Construction Standards
- The Speed Control Bylaw
- The Traffic Calming Policy
- The Traffic Control Devices Policy
- The Traffic Noise Policy
- The Train Whistle Cessation Policy
- Traffic Safety Communication Plan

Through the adoption and implementation of current traffic safety initiatives, Strathcona County has established working groups to address specific issues including:

- School Traffic Safety Partnership (EIPS, EICS, Student Transportation, New Horizons Charter School, RCMP and Enforcement Services, TAS, TPE)
- Integrated Traffic Unit (RCMP and Enforcement Services, Sheriffs)
- Traffic Safety Advisory Team (TPE, TAS, RCMP and Enforcement Services)

Each of these groups aligns priorities using data-driven solutions to address traffic safety issues in a collaborative and supportive environment.

In order to ensure that the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee’s bylaw provides sufficient direction to the Committee, Administration is seeking input from the Priorities Committee on the more specific goals and tasks that should be undertaken. As a starting point, Administration has provided a few examples of other municipal Council Committees focussed on traffic safety and their respective terms of reference; however, it should be noted that there were very few such Committees in place (see Enclosure 2).

Based on activities and programs currently in place in Strathcona County and based on other municipal examples, here are some suggested tasks and priorities that could be incorporated into the County’s Traffic Safety Advisory Committee bylaw.

Terms of Reference:

In keeping with the goals of Strathcona County’s Traffic Safety Strategic Plan, the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee will advise Council on issues related to traffic safety and make recommendations to Council related to traffic safety plans or projects by providing a resident perspective.

The Terms of Reference would include:

- Advise Council on rural traffic safety issues, concerns, and opportunities as prioritised by the committee;
- Advise Council on urban traffic safety issues, concerns, and opportunities as prioritised by the committee

More specifically, the Committee would be asked to provide advice to Council on the following:

- opportunities for resident education in traffic safety;
- identifying which traffic safety issues could benefit from public engagement;
- development and implementation of traffic safety and efficiency initiatives; and
- regulation and management tools used to improve traffic safety and efficiency.

The Mandates Letter for the Committee could include:

- Participation in the development of the Rural Road Safety Strategy
- Participation in the development of the Traffic Safety Communication Plan
- Participate in the implementation of the Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Action Plan

Enclosures:

1. The Traffic Safety Strategic Plan 2020 (TSSP 2020)
2. Jurisdictional Review - Traffic Safety Advisory Committees