

Ramsay Traffic Committee Newsletter Submission – April 2009

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Rink Redevelopment: Transportation Planning will be collecting speed and volume data on roadways bounding the rink redevelopment, e.g. Ramsay Street, Burns Avenue, Alexander Avenue and possibly 6th Street. This information will provide ‘baseline’ data prior to any improvements, and can be used at a later date in comparison to volumes resulting from the various stages of redevelopment.

Traffic Calming (18th Avenue) – in June, Transportation Planning will be collecting additional vehicle data on 18th Avenue. This data will be gathered to better assess traffic volume and number of wrong-way vehicles (18th Avenue is a one-way) and is in response to concerns by some residents that the data collected in 2008 was not valid. There is information that this may be correct as last year City data collectors had to retrieve their equipment from the back alley as it was put there by resident(s) upset about the temporary loss of on-street parking. To that end, **we need two residents of 18th Avenue between 9th and 11th Streets directly across from each other to agree to allow count equipment to be installed in front of their houses for two days this June.** Two residents of the block to the west (between 8th and 9th Streets) have come forth but the City still needs two more residents further east to make sure that the data collected is accurate. Please call or email the Traffic Chair if you can assist with this initiative.

Ramsay Exchange: Alderman Ceci attended the March general meeting and provided an update on council hearings held 09 and 10 February 2009 in conjunction with the Ramsay Exchange land use application. It was explained that perimeter roadways including 24th Avenue and Spiller Road would not be re-designated to accommodate the development’s proposed increased traffic volumes. Spiller Road is designated as a ‘collector’ with 1,500 to 5,000 vehicles per day capacity; 24th Avenue is a residential street with 500 to 1,500 vehicles per day capacity.

26th Avenue & Dartmouth Road Intersection: the Roads Department will be reviewing performance of the 26th Avenue and Dartmouth Road intersection. This is in response to resident’s concerns expressed at the March general meeting about the “confusing signage” at that intersection. Results to follow.

Spiller Road Re-opening – latest information from Stampede’s Construction Manager is that Spiller Road will re-open mid-April 2009. This roadway was closed for construction of the tunnel to connect Stampede’s ‘Back of House’ site to the rest of Stampede Park. Stampede’s ‘Spiller Gate’ between 25th Avenue and 6th Street SE will also be permanently removed once the tunnel is complete.

Pathway Re-opening: the Elbow River pathway adjacent Stampede’s new tunnel and bridge will re-open in June. Good news is that there are no plans to close the Elbow River pathway, as it bounds the community of Ramsay, any time in the foreseeable future, i.e. when Stampede moves their infrastructure presently on the East side of the Elbow River (at the base of the stairs) to their Back of House site, or when they redevelop these newly vacated lands.

CPS District 1: the Calgary Police Service pathway officers (‘cycle cops’) will be based out of the old Ribtor building on 11th Avenue SE, closer to downtown. It was originally planned that they would be located at the new District 1 facility on 26th Avenue. Therefore, our aspirations for better connectivity between the Elbow River pathway and, say Crossroads Market will be shelved for now.

Please contact the Traffic Committee if you have any traffic-related comments, concerns or would like to become involved the committee.