

## **Ramsay Traffic Committee Newsletter Submission – May 2009**

Taras Semeniuk, Chair

**Rink Redevelopment:** Transportation Planning collected speed and volume data on Ramsay Street as part of the baseline data collection prior to any improvements. The results showed 152 vehicles in a 24 hour period (82 northbound and 70 southbound); the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds were 41 kph southbound outside playground hours, and 49 kph southbound during playground hours (Spiller Road closed). The traffic volume was less than the City of Calgary's 'environmental capacity' for a residential street, which is 500 to 1,500 vehicles per day. The playground speed data was forwarded to the Safety Committee Chair, who in turn advised our Community Liaison Officer, Cst. Partridge of the problem. Speeders beware.

We will be requesting that data for Burns Avenue also be collected as this street will, according to the rink concept plans for Phase 3, have parking lot access. Also, we will see if it is possible to gather data for Ramsay Street after Spiller Road re-opens.

**Traffic Calming (18<sup>th</sup> Avenue)** – we still need two residents of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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. This data will be gathered to better assess traffic volume and number of wrong-way vehicles (18<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a one-way). Please call or email the Traffic Chair if you can assist with this initiative.

**26<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Dartmouth Road Intersection:** in response to resident's concerns, the Roads Department has reviewed the performance of the 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Dartmouth Road intersection. From their analysis, the Yield sign on the west side of the intersection will be replaced with a larger Yield sign; and two new turn signs will be installed on the north side of the intersection. Hopefully, with these additional signs, some of the confusion at this intersection will be addressed. Furthermore, from a traffic calming perspective, improvements to our 'perimeter roadways' are always welcome. Thanks to the residents who brought this suggestion forward at the March general meeting.

**Spiller Road Re-opening** – Stampede has revised their information on when Spiller Road will re-open – it will now be the last week of May 2009. This date has been revised from mid-April 2009 and apparently was due to weather problems. The Stampede apologizes for the inconvenience to Ramsay residents. Thanks to the community 'construction managers' who brought this up at the April general meeting.

**Pathway Re-opening:** the Elbow River pathway adjacent Stampede's new tunnel and bridge will re-open on June 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a small amount of gardening that will be completed after the opening date, but it will not affect the path.

Please contact the Traffic Committee at [traffic@ramsaycommunity.ab.ca](mailto:traffic@ramsaycommunity.ab.ca) if you have any traffic-related comments, concerns or would like to become involved in the committee.