

To: Cora Hoekstra;
Cc: Council
From: Jordan Thompson, Director of Operations and Planning
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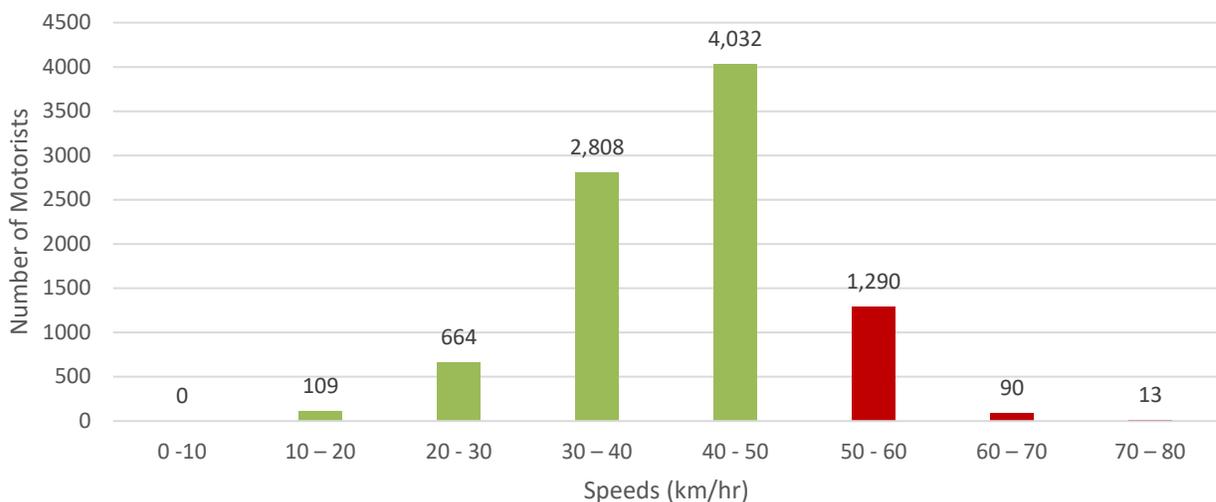
RE: Fairway Drive Concerns

Thanks Councillor Hoekstra for sharing the resident's feedback. Those sound like great ideas for public consultation. With Council's endorsement, we'd be happy to try out a block party, or host an on-line opinion poll. Although it may not guarantee the project wouldn't be petitioned down, it would be great to gauge public interest before going through the legislated requirements of a Local Improvement Tax. These would also be good measures to include in the Local Improvement Tax Policy Strategic Objective that was added to Council's Strategic Plan.

As Council is aware Fairway Drive is one of several roads in the City with no sidewalks, trails, or paths. In 2015 Administration prepared a report highlighting the roads with no sidewalk or path infrastructure. That report is located here starting on page 202: <http://lacombe.ca/Home/ShowDocument?id=5223>. In the report, Fairway Drive was one of 5 priority streets proposed by Administration for a new sidewalk using the local improvement tax as a partial funding mechanism. At that time Administration was not directed to proceed however with Council's direction the report can be brought forward for reconsideration.

In 2015 Administration also collected motorist speed data between May 25-June 4th using the City's automated traffic counter with the following results:

Motorists Speeds Between May 25th - June 4th, 2015



This shows that the vast majority of motorist drive within the 50km/hr speed limit. However nearly 1,400 instances were recorded of a vehicle exceeding the speed limit and of those, 13 by more than 20km/hr. From the data we also know that motorists tend to exceed the speed limit most often between 7am-9am and 4pm-7pm.

Options on speed control strategies include:

- heightened enforcement,
- road narrowing through the construction of medians, or curb extensions/"bulb-outs",
- electronic speed signs, and
- speed humps (this is not preferred by Administration and will be outlined further in a separate RFI response).

I trust this letter satisfies your concerns, however please let me know if you have any further questions about this item.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordan Thompson', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jordan Thompson, PMP, CET
Director of Operations and Planning