

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Temporary Bump-outs / Intersection of Ladysmith and Kiwanis

Date Prepared: December 17, 2020

Report To: Special Meeting of Council

Councillor and Role: Ian Froude, Transportation/Regulatory Services & Sustainability

Ward: Ward 4

Decision/Direction Required:

Seeking approval for the temporary bump-outs at the intersection of Ladysmith Drive and Kiwanis Street to remain in place until the permanent bump-outs are constructed.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

There have been some concerns expressed from the residents in Kenmount Terrace about the bump-outs at the intersection of Ladysmith Drive and Kiwanis Street, including asking for their removal.

The temporary curb extensions (bump-outs) were installed as part of the pilot project for the crosswalk at this location. At the Regular Meeting of Council held March 30, 2020, the results of the pilot project were provided to Council for consideration and included concerns from the area residents. At that meeting, Council approved making this crosswalk and bump-outs permanent installations. The temporary configuration was to remain in place until the permanent installation could occur and as such, it is included on the list of capital projects for consideration in 2021. Much of the negative feedback received at that time is similar to the recent complaints.

Staff feel these bump-outs improve safety at the crosswalk by reducing the speed of vehicles and reducing the crossing distance that pedestrians are exposed to vehicles. There has been reference made by residents about the potential of painting the roadway rather than keeping the bump-outs. The paint does not offer the same level of protection as a physical barrier and while it may look nice when freshly painted, there is concern about its effectiveness when the paint fades or is snow-covered. Staff feel that concerns about the current temporary extensions creating an unsafe situation are perception rather than the reality of how this area functions and would never have proposed this solution if it was felt it would minimize safety.

It is relevant to note that the temporary bump-outs have been in place for the past two winters with no real issues and the occasional call for maintenance has been completed as received.

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While the staff did recommend that the crosswalk is not warranted, Council voted for it to remain and as such the bump-outs are needed as they go hand in hand. The bump-outs provide an increased level of safety for pedestrians using this crosswalk. If the City was to remove the bump-outs for the winter, it would effectively make the crosswalk less safe until such time that they are reinstated in the spring. Staff acknowledge that the bump-outs are inconvenient for vehicles as that is part of their intended function.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: N/A
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:
 - Pedestrians and Drivers
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans: N/A
4. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A
5. Privacy Implications: N/A
6. Engagement and Communications Considerations: N/A
7. Human Resource Implications: N/A
8. Procurement Implications: N/A
9. Information Technology Implications: N/A
10. Other Implications: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council approve for the temporary bump-outs at the intersection of Ladysmith Drive and Kiwanis Street to remain in place until the permanent bump-outs are constructed.

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