

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Pedestrian Core Expansion and Winter Pedestrian Recall

Date Prepared: December 7, 2022

Report To: Committee of the Whole

Councillor and Role: Councillor Maggie Burton & Councillor Ian Froude, Sustainability

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required: Pedestrian Core Expansion and Winter Pedestrian Recall

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

Council recommended staff to finalize a list of pedestrian recall locations within the City in consultation with Inclusion Advisory Committee (IAC) and Sustainable and Active Mobility Advisory Committee (SAMAC) and come up with the list of finalized locations for council approval.

All stake holders were in agreement, however it was noted by Judy Powell of Metrobus that they had concerns with potential delays and maintaining transit schedules and performance. Metrobus has meetings scheduled with transit operators in January to discuss performance at various intersections. The City will meet with Metrobus in the new year to discuss its findings

Recommendation 1: Pedestrian Core Expansion

Following recommendation from SAMAC working group and IAC committee the following intersections were recommended and approved for pedestrian core expansion.

1. Empire Ave @ King's Bridge Road
2. Elizabeth Ave @ New Cove Road
3. Elizabeth Ave @ Torbay Road
4. Elizabeth Ave @ Portugal Cove Road

Recommendation 2: Winter Pedestrian Recall

Every winter, the City programs pedestrian signal recall in areas with some challenges for accessibility. This is primarily based on pedestrian usage and the ability to access the push buttons in the event of ice/snow build up. The City's goal is to balance the needs of the community as a whole when considering changes to traffic and pedestrian signal operation. Some of the factors considered are Pedestrian volume, traffic volume, transit routes, emergency response, safety, accessibility, and environmental sustainability. The following intersections are recommended and approved for pedestrian recall in winter.

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1. Kings Bridge Rd @ Kennas Hill @ The Boulevard @ New Cove Rd
2. Stavanger Dr @ Aberdeen Ave
3. Stavanger Dr @ Dominion Access
4. Torbay Rd @ Highland Dr/Penney Ln
5. Torbay Rd @ Newfoundland Dr
6. Torbay Rd @ Pearson St
7. Portugal Cove Rd @ Airport Hgts Dr/Majors Path
8. Allandale Rd @ Confederation Bldg
9. Hamilton Ave @ Patrick St
10. Blackmarsh Rd @ Mercers Ln/Dominion
11. Blackmarsh Rd @ Blackler Ave/Hamilton Ave
12. Prince Phillip Dr @ Livyers Loop/Morrissey Ave
13. Lemarchant Rd @ Bennett Ave
14. Lemarchant Rd @ Campbell Ave/Pleasant St.
15. Water St @ Job St/CN Station
16. Bay Bulls Rd @ Old Petty Harbour Rd
17. Southlands Blvd @ Ruby Line
18. Topsail Rd @ Burgeo St.
19. Topsail Rd @ Cowan Ave
20. Topsail Rd @ Forbes St
21. Waterford Bridge Rd @ Brookfield Rd
22. Canada Dr @ Hamlyn Rd
23. Canada Dr @ Cowan Ave
24. Columbus Dr @ Mundy Pond Rd
25. Columbus Dr @ Brier Ave
26. Kenmount Rd @ Avalon Mall/Polina
27. Kelsey Dr @ Kiwanis St
28. Kelsey Dr @ Messenger Dr
29. Thorburn Rd @ Mount Scio Rd

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: N/A
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:
 - a. Transportation Division
 - b. Community Services Department
 - c. Sustainable and Active Mobility Advisory Committee
 - d. Inclusion Advisory Committee
 - e. Metrobus
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

A Sustainable City: Work collaboratively to create a climate-adapted and low-carbon city

A City that Moves: Expand and maintain a safe and accessible active transportation network.

Choose an item.

4. Alignment with Adopted Plans:
 - a. St. John's Corporate Climate Plan
 - b. Healthy City Strategy

5. Accessibility and Inclusion:

Consultation with Inclusion Advisory Committee

6. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A

7. Privacy Implications: N/A

8. Engagement and Communications Considerations:

Any changes in pedestrian signals will be communicated with the public through our communications team

9. Human Resource Implications: N/A

10. Procurement Implications: N/A

11. Information Technology Implications: N/A

12. Other Implications: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council approve the recommendations as presented to the IAC on Nov 24th and SAMAC on Dec 1st. Once approved we will implement the new core expansion in the field and activate the winter pedestrian recall as well when winter weather begins. Winter pedestrian recall will stay in place until weather becomes favorable and accessible to all. Winter pedestrian recall will be implemented recurringly for Winters to come, until council decides otherwise.

Further discussions will be held with Metrobus in the new year.

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