# INFORMATION NOTE

Title: Annual Crosswalk Improvement Program Update

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Report To: Committee of the Whole

Councillor and Role: Councillor Sandy Hickman, Engineering and Regulatory Services

Ward: N/A

Issue: An update on pedestrian crosswalk improvements for 2024 and 2025

#### **Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

The Annual Crosswalk Improvement Program improves safety and comfort of pedestrian crosswalks across the city. The program includes improvements to existing crosswalks and the addition of new crosswalk locations. This program advances to the strategic goal of expanding and maintaining a safe and accessible active transportation network.

Crosswalk locations are assessed according to processes outlined in the Transportation Association of Canada's Pedestrian Crosswalk Control Guide (2018). Improvements to crosswalks may include measures such as accessible curb ramps, curb extensions, centremedian refuges, rectangular rapid-flashing beacons (RRFBs), accessible pedestrian signals, overhead flashers, shortened crossing distances, improved signage and sightline improvements.

The Annual Crosswalk Improvement Program's success is a result of close collaboration between various city teams to make the best use of the program's limited funding. Crosswalk improvements are done in coordination with shared-use path projects, annual road rehabilitation program, capital infrastructure projects and ongoing maintenance programs.

Crosswalk locations that were improved in 2024 include:

Bay Bulls Road at Mogridge Street (RRFBs)

Bonaventure Avenue @ Kelly's Brook Trail (RRFBs and shortened crossing distance)

Cornwall Avenue at 18th Street (RRFBs and centre median refuge)

Duckworth Street at Bates Hill (RRFBs)

Duckworth Street at Cavendish Square (curb extensions)

Duckworth Street at War Memorial (curb extensions)

Elizabeth Avenue at Clarke Place (new crosswalk with RRFBs)

Elizabeth Avenue at Halliday Place (new crosswalk with RRFBs)

Harvey Road at Civic #34 (Paramount Building) (RRFBs)

Larkhall Street at Larkhall Academy and Leary's Brook Elementary (RRFBs)



Newtown Road at Kelly's Brook Trail (curb extensions and RRFBs)

Portugal Cove Road at Rennie's River Trail (RRFBs)

Water Street at Queens Cove and War Memorial (RRFBs and curb extensions)

Waterford Bridge Road at Bowring Park Road (RRFBs)

Waterford Bridge Road at Park Road (RRFBs)

#### Crosswalk locations planned for improvements in 2025 include:

Cornwall Crescent at O'Reilly Street (Overhead Flashers)

Doyles Road at Main Road (RRFBs)

Duckworth Street at Cathedral Street (RRFBs)

Duckworth Street at Ordinance Street (curb extensions)

Elizabeth Avenue at Carpasian Road (RRFBs)

Elizabeth Avenue at Whiteway Street (Overhead Flashers)

Ennis Avenue at Vanier Elementary School (RRFBs)

Hamilton Avenue at Symonds Avenue (RRFBs)

Mayor Avenue at Kellys Brook Trail (Overhead Flashers)

Military Road at Bannerman Street (curb extensions & RRFBs)

Military Road at Carew (curb extensions & RRFBs)

Newfoundland Drive at Oderin Place (RRFBs)

Newfoundland Drive at Virginia River Trail (RRFBs)

Portugal Cove Road at Kerry Street (RRFBs) \*

Queens Road at Victoria Street (RRFBs) \*

Waterford Bridge Road at Road De Luxe (RRFBs)

Winter Avenue at Kings Bridge Road (signal timing improvements) \*

#### **Key Considerations/Implications:**

- 1. Budget/Financial Implications: \$200,000 is allocated annually for pedestrian safety improvements
- 2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: N/A
- 3. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

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

A City that Moves: Improve safety for all users on a well-maintained street network.

4. Alignment with Adopted Plans: N/A

<sup>\*</sup>Completed in Q1 of 2025

- 5. Accessibility and Inclusion: The program includes accessibility improvements to crosswalks.
- 6. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A
- 7. Privacy Implications: N/A
- 8. Engagement and Communications Considerations: N/A
- 9. Human Resource Implications: N/A
- 10. Procurement Implications: N/A
- 11. Information Technology Implications: N/A
- 12. Other Implications: N/A

### **Conclusion/Next Steps:**

The planned pedestrian crosswalk improvements listed above will be implemented in 2025.

## **Report Approval Details**

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