

Petition for Prescott Street Crosswalks

Dear Councillors,

For people who cross Prescott Street every day, it can be a hair-raising experience. Many of us have experienced dangerous close calls with drivers who are increasingly driving fast, often on their phones, impatient, and reluctant to stop for people on foot. Several of us walk with small children to Bishop Feild and to Bannerman Park on a daily basis. In this petition, we are asking for improvements at two specific locations: Prescott at Bond, and Prescott at Gower.

The citizens who have currently signed our petition are asking for the following:

Bond Street and Prescott

- *Curb extensions (bump outs),*
- *installation of flashing crosswalk lights and ideally*
- *a raised crosswalk (continuous sidewalk)*

Gower St and Prescott St

- *A new marked crosswalk with curb extensions (bump outs)*
- *installation of flashing crosswalk lights and*
- *a raised crosswalk (continous sidewalk)*

Several folks referenced the improved crossing from King's Rd to the War Memorial as a model that could work. As of right now, the intersection at Bond is twice as wide, meaning longer wait times for drivers and more danger for people walking.

We would be grateful if you would have a look at the comments that folks have made, in addition to signing their name to this petition. These are real life experiences from people who use these intersections as a major thoroughfare.

Thank you!



Luke Quinton [REDACTED]
& Florian Hoefner [REDACTED]

Contact: [REDACTED]

Timestamp	Your name	Your street	E-mail address	Comments
1/29/2025 14:12:4	Luke Quinton			We cross Prescott to school every day, and every time we wonder if drivers can see us, and if they're going to stop. We've seen behaviour from drivers that would shock most people. Especially while crossing with children. It's dangerous and exhausting and we are ready to see this improved.
1/29/2025 14:13:4	Luke Taylor			
1/29/2025 14:15:0	Kelly Batten Hender			
1/29/2025 14:15:2	Heather Caravan			Please do this for the safety of all. Thanks.
1/29/2025 15:11:2	Janet Kergoat			
1/29/2025 15:55:4	Laura-Beth Power			I support this proposition. As a new mom, crosswalks with flashing lights and bump outs at the intersections help make the downtown core a safer place for families.
1/29/2025 16:20:1	April Sullivan			Something seriously needs to be done on this street to slow the traffic coming from both ways. Too many accidents that I've witnessed over the past 14 years of living here.
1/29/2025 16:47:5	Ellen Power			Having crosslights and bump outs at Prescott and Bond would make me feel a lot safer. I cross that intersection almost everyday and cars rarely stop for the crosswalk. Even when I'm wearing hi-vis clothing, it's hard for them to see me due to the bend in the hill and the speed at which they drive. It's particularly bad at night. Bump outs and flashing lights would make me feel a lot safer. I think the bump outs, by visually narrowing the road, might also make drivers speed less on that hill. People always jaywalk at Gower and Prescott because it's otherwise a very long walk up or downhill to the nearest crosswalk. Having a crosswalk with bumpouts here would make this situation safer and, again, make drivers more mindful of pedestrians in what is a busy downtown spot (especially during tourist season, but also in the winter when visibility is poor due to snow banks).
1/29/2025 17:18:2	Bridget Canning			Yes, I am in favour of curb extensions and another crosswalk to make the area safer for pedestrians.
1/29/2025 17:50:5	Mahina Graham-Laidlaw			Fully support both propositions!
1/29/2025 17:55:4	Patricia Hayes			
1/29/2025 18:26:3	Sarah Colven			More traffic calming is needed around the area in what needs to be a pedestrian friendly neighbourhood.
1/29/2025 19:20:3	Emily Scott			
1/29/2025 19:31:1	Jocelyne Thomas			There is no downside to extra crosswalks/bump outs/speed humps here. Slowing down traffic is good. Safer crossings are good. More focus on ease of use for pedestrians, people with mobility challenges, and children is good. I've advocated for better/safer crosswalks and crossing areas in the past, especially around Bishop Feild School and Bannerman Park, and I fully support making Prescott Street a safer street for both pedestrians and vehicles.
1/29/2025 20:35:0	Marie Steffen			I cross Gower/Prescott almost daily and the curve on Prescott make visibility very dangerous at that intersection for pedestrians.
1/29/2025 22:41:3	Jess Dellow			
1/30/2025 8:07:39	Andy			
1/30/2025 9:05:02	Jennifer Newhook			I support this initiative to improve walkability and pedestrian safety in downtown residential and commercial districts.
1/30/2025 9:29:12	Sonya Ellis			As both a driver and pedestrian, flashing crosswalk lights at Bond and Prescott would greatly help to increase visibility as the crosswalk can be hard to see between parked vehicles
1/30/2025 20:19:1	Florian Hoefner			Prescott St runs through a residential neighbourhood and many kids have to cross it daily on their way to school or to go to Bannerman Park. Something needs to be done to make this safer. The crosswalk at Bond St. is treacherous. Pedestrians are not visible behind parked cars and drivers come down the hill with great speed. They often don't stop. Many people also cross Prescott St at Gower St. This crossing needs an additional crosswalk.
1/30/2025 20:57:5	Adrian House			We need this!
1/30/2025 22:13:2	Christine Carter			This is long overdue. Crossing Prescott is often dangerous and the way the cars are parked blocks the sight lines for cars. This is a big problem for all of the children who have to cross Prescott in order to get to school.
1/31/2025 6:55:22	Josh Lepawsky			I definitely support improved pedestrian infrastructure, including substantially improved crosswalks at Bond St and Prescott St and at Gower St and Prescott St. Thanks to the organizers of this initiative!
1/31/2025 10:21:1	Anthony Chadwick			In favour of the proposed crosswalks
1/31/2025 20:26:1	Andy Jones			I strongly support these ideas.

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2/17/2025 10:36:4	Andrew Smith			Sight lines are poor for both Bond and Gower onto and off of Prescott. Slowing people racing to get home as well as free-wheeling down Prescott will make for a more walkable and livable city. Increasing the potential for families to consider living downtown.
2/17/2025 10:50:3	Tonya Dowding			
2/17/2025 10:50:5	Duncan Major			This area is perfectly suited for such improvements. Curb extensions and enhanced safety features such as flashing crosswalk lights will drastically improve pedestrian movement across Prescott, which is a main downtown thoroughfare. Drivers impacted by blind hills would no doubt appreciate the opportunity to spot pedestrians better. Plus there are several families in the area with young kids who walk to and from Bishop Feild, and as well summertime sees many tourists and cruise ship visitors unfamiliar with how to walk around the city needing such a crosswalk. The business at the corner of Bond and Prescott would benefit as well.
2/17/2025 10:52:0	Laura Simms			
2/17/2025 11:07:3	Dan Ficken			I appreciate efforts the City has made in recent years to improve pedestrian safety of inner city streets. The two examples given here would go a long way in addressing safety on this very busy narrow road with a near blind hill and turn, and that which experiences high volumes of both foot and car traffic. Please consider, thanks
2/17/2025 12:17:3	Christina Quinton			Bump outs on Prescott/Bond and Prescott/ Gower would make a huge difference
2/17/2025 13:36:5	Maria Peddle			Prescott is notorious for reckless/zoomy drivers so extra measures to protect pedestrians on and around this street is very important to me!!
2/17/2025 13:49:0	Ki and Janice Adams			a cross-walk at Bond and Prescott would be fabulous... it is needed especially for children who live west of Prescott Street and walk to Bishop Feild School.
2/17/2025 15:33:4	Marie Steffen			I cross Prescott street almost every day at the Prescott/ Gower intersection. The bend in Prescott makes it very hard to see vehicles coming down the street when crossing the road, especially when going West. The traffic speeds down the hill. It's a very busy road in the middle of a dense residential area.
2/17/2025 17:36:5	Cathy			Let's get it done please
2/19/2025 13:07:0	Elijah Martel			I walk down Prescott St almost daily and have lost track of the number of times I've almost been run over by distracted drivers (or those who just don't care to wait for me to finish crossing the street)! Crosswalks would be a tremendous safety improvement on a key thoroughfare
3/19/2025 20:08:4	Chris Davis			More crosswalks, ideally with lights, are needed in the city.
3/19/2025 20:45:3	Maria Mayr			
3/19/2025 23:12:3	Christina Acton			
3/20/2025 15:54:1	Janet Kergoat			This needs to be done.
3/28/2025 16:48:0	Emily McCullough			Recent flashing light crosswalks have really made a difference for our family's safety (Queens and Military at the bottom and Crossing Prescott at Bond on the way to school, parks, shops is still hazardous, and could really be improved as suggested i
3/31/2025 8:07:57	Rachel Dragland			
3/31/2025 8:16:42	Megan Tanner			



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