

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Kogon and Council

From: Dwayne Pike, Acting Chief of Police

Date: October 15th, 2018

Subject: Crosswalk Review

BACKGROUND

In 2017, Council requested a review of all 177 crosswalks in town. A crosswalk committee was formed and consisted of Chief Ian Naylor, Staff Sergeant Scott White, Aaron Bourgeois (Public Works Operations Manager) and Brandon Leblanc, an engineering student at Universite de Moncton. This committee was to assess existing crosswalks and provide recommendations on the retention, removal, installation of new crosswalks and the type of pedestrian controls.

The report was completed and presented to council in the spring of 2018 and to the public on July 17th. The report detailed the decision to remove 67 existing crosswalks, relocate 1 existing crosswalk, install 6 new crosswalks and to utilize a 'zebra style' crosswalk for those in close proximity to schools.

These decisions were based on the several crosswalk issues that were identified:

1. Lack of consistency in application of pedestrian crossings
2. Some crosswalks actually compromise pedestrian safety
3. There are locations without crosswalks that meet the criteria developed by the committee
4. Several existing crosswalks do not meet the criteria developed by the committee

A public information session was held at the Community Credit Union Business Innovation Centre in regards to the decisions to make changes. Members of the public attended and provided their views on the crosswalk review. Several crosswalks were identified in the concerns and on August 21st, the Committee met once again to review the information.

DISCUSSION

Of the 177 crosswalks slated for removal, several came up during conversations at the public information session on July 17th. Decisions were made as a result of the session and the subsequent committee discussion. These decisions are based on safety, consistency and other criteria as outlined in the crosswalk review. In some cases, there is a cost associated with the

required work, some of which could come out of operational budgets, while others would be a capital budget item.

1. Install a crosswalk on East Victoria at Willow Street. This crosswalk will provide a means to cross East Victoria Street. The nearest crosswalk is located downtown near the TD Bank. A sidewalk is already in place on the north side of East Victoria that will connect the crosswalk to the sidewalk on the south side.



2. Initially the decision was made to remove the sidewalk at Albion/Queen Street and keep the one at Albion/Spring Street. After a closer review and discussions with the public, it was decided to keep the crosswalk at Albion and Queen Street and remove the one at Spring Street. There is a visibility issue at the crosswalk at Albion and Spring Streets because of the brick building at that location. Northbound traffic on Albion do not have a clear view of any persons using the crosswalk from the east side of Albion to the west side. The solution includes extending the sidewalk on the west side to make the crosswalk consistent with other crosswalks in the review. Public works has confirmed that they will install the sidewalk to facilitate this change.

Albion St/Spring Street



Albion Street/Queen Street



3. West Victoria Street/Hickman Street: The crosswalk at this location hampered by a visibility issue for traffic headed East on West Victoria towards Hickman. Visibility is limited because of the curve in the road on West Victoria Street. In 2017, a child was struck at this crosswalk by an eastbound vehicle. At this time, additional signs/signals which includes overhead lighted signs have been placed to advise traffic of the crosswalk, but additional signals will be required by installing RRBB Pedestrian Signal at this location. We will be making a request of approximately \$14,000 in the upcoming capital budget process to accommodate this equipment.



