

Small City,
Big Heart

Traffic Safety Improvement Plan 2024

Presentation to Common Council May 27, 2024



Community Traffic Safety Requests

- Speeding, crosswalks, bike lanes, warning signs, speed limits, on-street parking regulations, truck traffic
- Over 150 requests per year
- Backlog of 700 requests
 - Investigation stage
 - Implementation stage



Continued Transformation in Approach

- MoveSJ
- Full Lifecycle Asset Costing
- Future Road Safety Strategy
- Cross City risk assessments such as for crosswalks
- Strategic Plan(s) Alignment
- Holistic 3 "E" Approach
 - Engineering
 - Enforcement
 - Education

Slowing Speeds: Speed Cushions





- Approx. 300 of 700 backlog
- Expedite addressing speeding issues on existing neighbourhood streets
- Successful 2023 trial on McNamara Drive
- 10-Year Strategic Plan and 2024 Strategic Initiatives Plan
- 5 more projects planned for 2024
 - Cedarwood Drive
 - Douglas Avenue
 - Spar Cover Road
 - Dever Road
 - TBD
 - Data supporting implementation decisions and confirming results

Crosswalk Improvements: New Signalized Crosswalk, East of Reversing Falls Bridge





- Significant number of requests
- Alignment with Harbour Passage Master Plan
- Alignment with 2024 Crosswalk Priority Plan
- Location circled yellow



Design to be similar to signals on Westmorland Road near Walmart



- Two sets of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crosswalks currently exist at Garden/Coburg intersection
- First installation in Saint John
- Accessible Pedestrian System (APS) upgrade
 - priority of City's Ability Advisory Committee







- Signed crosswalk on Westmorland closer to Ellerdale exists
- To be upgraded by:
 - Moving closer to Transit stop (side has no sidewalk)
 - Addition of signals (RRFB)
 - Addition of Accessible pedestrian system
- Recommended by recent Crosswalk Priority project



Fraffic Safety Improvement Plar 2024





- Existing "Safer School Zone" components
 - 30 KM/H School zones established on Evergreen Ave. and Loch Lomond Road
 - Electronic driver speed feedback sign on Evergreen
 - Signal (RRFB) crosswalk on Loch Lomond at Evergreen
- 2024 improvement to support School request for driver speed feedback signs for Loch Lomond Road school zone
- Provincial highway

Even Safer School Zones: Centennial School Zone Improvements





- Existing "Safer School Zone" components
 - 30 KM/H School zones established on Millidge Avenue, complete with electronic driver speed feedback signs (yellow line)
 - Signalized crosswalk on Milldge Avenue (blue circle)
- Recent request from school to improve safety for walking students from North End (red line)
- Planned upgrades
 - Upgrade of existing Adelaide at Visart crosswalk with signals (orange circle)
 - Extension of school zone to include portion of Adelaide through Visart intersection (green line)
 - Staff will return with official by-law change request

Even Safer School Zones: Princess Elizabeth School Improvement



- Existing "Safer School Zone" components
 - 30 KM/H School zones established in area, complete with electronic driver speed feedback signs (yellow line)
 - Signalized crosswalk on Fifth Avenue (blue circle)
- Recent request from school to improve safety for walking students from Park Street and area
- Planned upgrade
 - Signed and marked crosswalk on Parks Street at Fifth Street (orange circle)



Even Safer School Zones: Glen Falls School Improvement





- Existing "Safer School Zone" components
 - 30 KM/H School zones established on area streets, complete with electronic driver speed feedback signs (yellow lines)
 - Speed humps on Simpson Drive
- Recent request from school to improve safety for walking students to Tim Street access to school (red line)
- Planned upgrade
 - Extension of school zone to include Tim Street, complete with 30 KM/H signs (green line)
 - Staff will return with official by-law change request

Managing Sight Line Issues







Mystery Lake Drive

- Sight lines constrained by knoll and curve on Golden Grove for motorists trying to exit street (yellow circle)
- Solution to convert section of Mystery Lake Drive into one way street

Candlewood Lane

- Sight lines constrained by knoll and curve on University Ave.
 for motorists trying to exit street (yellow circle)
- Solution to reverse one-way direction on street
- Support of oversight board

Requires Council support of change Traffic By-Law in both cases

• Staff to return with amendments for consideration

Heather Way Road Diet



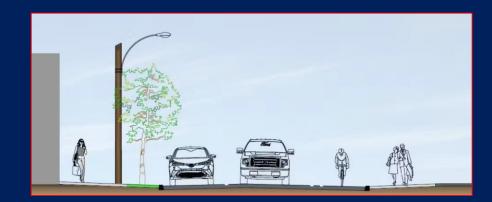


Traffic Safety in Capital Projects



Traffic calming and bike lanes on Charlotte and Sydney

• Boars Head Road sidewalk



- Garden Street intersection upgrades
 - Accessible Pedestrian Systems added at 2 intersections
 - Unlock ability for City Road and Station Street bike lanes and Road Diet



Conclusions and Recommendations



- Limits on capacity or ability for traffic safety improvement projects to produce intended results
 - Additional \$75,000 and alignment with Capital jobs help
- Continued need for improvement projects
- Already building list of 2025 projects
- Continued work to implement holistic approaches that complement and prioritize improvement projects
- Over-arching goal is to improve safety and access for all transportation modes

Receive and file recommendation