

To: Council;

FOIP Act section 17(1)

Reference: 11/154/2019-126

From: Matthew Goudy, CAO

Date: January 22nd, 2019

RE: Citizen Query – Poor Crosswalk Location

Thank-you for your inquiry about the suitability of the cross-walk location crossing C&E Trail west of the hospital and your interest in pedestrian safety overall. The City's Engineering Manager reviewed the crossing and has made the following comments.



Thank you bringing this crossing to our attention. As you noted, the close proximity of the trees and the absence of a connecting sidewalk on the east side of C&E Trail makes it challenging for some pedestrians to enter and exit the crossing – especially with the accumulation of snow in the winter months.

One of Council's strategies for their term is to improve City owned walkways. To that end the City's has begun work on an Active Transportation Plan which will look at crosswalk standards and sidewalk/trail connectivity issues across the City including the crossings in the 48th Avenue/C&E Trail intersection. An outcome of this plan will be a list of recommended priority pedestrian crossing improvements in various areas of the City. For instance, moving the crosswalk to the north side of the intersection would alleviate conflict with the spruce trees but with no sidewalk on the east side of C&E trail, snow accumulation will still be a navigation barrier for some pedestrians. The Active Transportation Plan will strive to consider these

factors in its improvement recommendations. The Active Transportation Plan is scheduled to be complete this year. In the mean time, the City's snow clearing crews will avoid stockpiling snow near the crosswalk and we will request the operations staff at the hospital do the same.

I hope this satisfies this query. Please let me know if you would like to discuss this matter further, or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Matthew Goudy, P.Eng
Chief Administrative Officer