



Town of Hinton
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
Agenda
February 14, 2017 - 4:00 PM
Committee Room, Hinton Government Centre

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1. Call to Order

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

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1. Overhead Crosswalk Lights - McLeod Avenue - Presented by Gordie Lee

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Urgent Matters from Council
2. Chief Administrative Officer Status Report
3. Legislative and Executive Assistant Logistics Information

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1. Deliberative (FOIP)

ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjournment



TOWN OF HINTON DIRECTION REQUEST

DATE: February 8, 2017

TO: **STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

FROM: Gordie Lee, Director of Infrastructure Services

APPROVED BY: Mike Schwirtz, Chief Administrative Officer

RE: **Overhead Crosswalk Lights - McLeod Avenue**

Purpose

This item is before Council to seek direction on installing overhead crosswalk lights near Ecole Mountain View School on McLeod Avenue.

Issue

Concerns have been brought forward by the Parents Council from Ecole Mountain View School concerning safety for pedestrians using the crosswalk directly in front of the school.

Administration Comments on Situation / Options

Representatives from the Town of Hinton, RCMP, Ecole Mountain View School Council and the Mountain View School Principal met February 2, 2017 to discuss safety concerns at school crosswalks in front of Ecole Mountain View School. There are three crosswalks in the immediate area. The crosswalk of most concern expressed by members of the school council is the middle one located directly in front of the school.

One key concern that the group highlighted as being a unique factor is that McLeod Avenue is an undivided four-lane connector road running in front of the school. This makes for a higher volume of traffic and increases the occurrences of higher speed vehicle traffic interacting with pedestrians. Photo radar statistics support this fact.

RCMP report that when conventional enforcement is present in this school zone that traffic speeds for the most part are obeying the school zone speed limit.

Administration's Conclusion / Proposed Direction

Administration recommends that flashing crosswalk lights are warranted for this area. There are several crosswalk lights around town - curbside as well as overhead. Due to the width of McLeod Avenue and the absence of a center meridian we believe that overhead crosswalk lights are warranted and would provide the best visibility and awareness for motorists and pedestrians.

- The estimate for hard wired overhead crosswalk lights is \$65,000 - \$70,000
- The estimate for solar paneled overhead crosswalk lights is \$60,000 - \$65,000

Please note that we have increased conventional and nonconventional traffic enforcement at this crosswalk.

Administration recommends that this project be added to the 2017 capital project list and funded from the Safety Initiative Reserve (\$50k) and the Roads & Sidewalks Reserve for the remainder (approx. \$15k - \$20k).

Chief Administrative Officers Comments

The concerns raised by the parent's council are consistent with the statistics we have been seeing with photo radar enforcement. In 2016 we allocated the greatest number of school zone photo radar enforcement hours to this school zone and we increased the presence of our Peace Officers during school zone hours.

We believe that the addition of an overhead crosswalk light will enhance the safety of this crosswalk especially during the darker winter mornings and afternoons.