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Chris Raynor, Regional Clerk
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[SENT VIA EMAIL]

Dear C. Raynor:

**RE: Pedestrian Crossover Installations: Yonge Street at Holland Landing
Community Centre and Mount Albert Road at Countryman Road**

For your information and records, at its electronic meeting held on November 17, 2020 the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury enacted as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Infrastructure & Environmental Services Report CIES2020-21, dated November 17, 2020, regarding the "Pedestrian Crossover Installations: Yonge Street at Holland Landing Community Centre and Mount Albert Road at Countryman Road", be received; and

THAT Council support the design and installation of a warranted pedestrian crossover on Yonge Street at the Holland Landing Community Centre as included in the Region's proposed 2021 draft budget; and

THAT Council request the Region of York to approve and advance the installation of an unwarranted pedestrian crossover on Mount Albert Road at Countryman Road in 2021 based on full funding from the Sharon Village Land Owners Group.

If you have any further questions feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Enclosed: Report CIES2020-21: Pedestrian Crossover Installations: Yonge Street at
Holland Landing Community Centre and Mount Albert Road at Countryman Road

cc: Mike Molinari, General Manager of Community Infrastructure & Environmental Services

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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT CIES2020-21

To: Council

Date: November 17, 2020

Subject: Pedestrian Crossover Installations: Yonge Street at Holland Landing
Community Centre and Mount Albert Road at Countryman Road

Origin: Community Infrastructure & Environmental Services
Capital Programs and Traffic Engineering Branch and Development
Engineering Branch

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **THAT** Community Infrastructure & Environmental Services Report CIES-2020-21, dated November 17, 2020, regarding the “Pedestrian Crossover Installations: Yonge Street at Holland Landing Community Centre and Mount Albert Road at Countryman Road” be received; and
2. **THAT** Council support the design and installation of a warranted pedestrian crossover on Yonge Street at the Holland Landing Community Centre as included in the Region’s proposed 2021 draft budget; and
3. **THAT** Council request the Region of York to approve and advance the installation of an unwarranted pedestrian crossover on Mount Albert Road at Countryman Road in 2021 based on full funding from the Sharon Village Land Owners Group.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to formally request Regional support and approval for the installation of pedestrian crossovers on Regional roads at two locations within the Town. See Appendix 1 attached.

BACKGROUND

Staff are seeking Council support to request Regional approval for the construction of two pedestrian crossovers, one on Yonge Street in Holland Landing to facilitate pedestrians crossing Yonge Street to access the Holland Landing Community Centre and the other on Mount Albert Road in the vicinity of Countryman Road for trail connectivity and for residents living on the north side of Mount Albert road to cross Mount Albert Road to access amenities and the pedestrian network on the south side of Mount Albert Road.

Pedestrians crossing Yonge Street in the vicinity of the Holland Landing Community Centre has been the subject of a number of resident and Councilor inquiries. The area has seen an increase in activity, specifically since the onset of COVID-19, where adults and children alike are crossing Yonge Street to use the outdoor amenities that the area has to offer. The main concerns from the inquiries relate to residents feeling unsafe as they attempt to cross Yonge Street being a regional road and the main thoroughfare through Holland Landing.

In addition to the crossing on Yonge Street, a pedestrian crossover is being sought on Mount Albert Road in the vicinity of Countryman Road. The Sharon Village development is made up of 7 developments, 6 located along Murrell Boulevard from Manor Hampton Street to Mount Albert Road and 1 north of Mount Albert Road accessed via Countryman Road.

Pedestrians travelling from the Wycliffe Thornridge development via Countryman Road are required to cross Mount Albert Road to access the sidewalk, trail network and park amenities south of Mount Albert Road. Providing a pedestrian crossover at this location would facilitate safe crossing of Mount Albert Road for area residents and support the trail.

ANALYSIS

Council and staff have received significant community feedback with respect to pedestrian safety while crossing Yonge Street at the Holland Landing Community Centre as well as Mount Albert Road at Countryman Road in Sharon. In response to these community concerns, staff have met with Regional staff to discuss opportunities for improved pedestrian safety.

Proposed Pedestrian Crossover- Yonge St. at the Holland Landing Community Centre

Discussions with the Region on the Yonge Street location have been positive. Staff have communicated the inquiries the Town has received as they occur and have also highlighted the increase in pedestrian volume using the sidewalks in the area. Further to this, CPRC is designing and building a Pedestrian Bridge system connecting Holland Landing at Doane Road with Oriole Drive, further increasing pedestrian activity as the Holland Landing Community Centre is a major destination for area residents.

The Region has advised that, subject to budget approval, they are planning to fund and install a Level 2 Type B pedestrian crossover (See Appendix 2) at this location as part of their 2021 capital works program. The type of crossover the Region deems to be most appropriate and minor refinements to the location will be completed through the Region's design process. As this crossing is being installed as a warranted pedestrian crossover, the Region would fund the project in its entirety but are looking for support from Town Council to proceed with the work.

Proposed Pedestrian Crossing- Mount Albert Road at Countryman Road

Discussions with the Region regarding installation of a pedestrian crossing on Mount Albert Road in the vicinity of Countryman Road were generally positive however as this area is still subject to significant future development, determining the best crossing solution for the long term is a challenge. The specific type of pedestrian crossover to be installed at this location is yet to be determined and is subject to further evaluation by York Region. Appendix 3 details two potential crossover types with the ultimate solution to be dictated by site conditions as part of the Region's review and approval process.

The Region has advised that the preferred location for the future pedestrian crossing is approximately 50 meters west of the Countryman Road intersection as shown on Appendix 1 attached. Proposed works include the installation of the pedestrian crossover as well as a multi-use path extending 50m west of Countryman Road on the north side of Mount Albert Road connecting to the pedestrian crossover location. In discussion with CPRC, this location aligns well with both the sidewalk and trail connection on the south side of Mount Albert Road and is considered to be the most future-proof location as it facilitates adequate spacing between future traffic signals anticipated on Mount Albert Road at the Revera retirement community entrance and Murrell Boulevard.

Construction of the pedestrian crossover on Mount Albert Road is the responsibility of the Sharon Village Landowners Group (SVLG) in accordance with previous

development agreements and a commitment from the SVLG to provide safe passage for pedestrians across Mount Albert Road.

As the design warrants for the pedestrian crossing have not been met, the Region requires a formal request from the Town to have the crossing installed as well as funding to install the crossing along with a one-time 10 year maintenance fee in accordance with the Region's Traffic and Pedestrian Signal Policy. This maintenance fee is estimated at \$78,000 and is proposed to be included as part of the overall construction costs associated with the project with full funding by the SVLG.

Upon approval from York Region, Town staff will work with the SVLG in conjunction with York Region to finalize the pedestrian crossover design including type and facilitate construction of the pedestrian crossover on Mount Albert Road.

Next Steps

Subject to approval of this report, the final layout and treatment at both crossing locations will be determined by the Region through the design process. Subject to approval by Regional Council, both pedestrian crossings will be constructed and will be owned and operated by York Region.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As the construction costs and maintenance fees associated with both crossing locations are proposed to be borne by others there are no financial implications to the Town associated with these projects.

The cost of the warranted Level 2 Type B pedestrian crossover on Yonge Street at the Holland Landing Community Centre is estimated at \$100,000 and funded by the Region.

The cost of the pedestrian crossover on Mount Albert Road at Countryman Road is estimated at \$200,000 to be funded by the SVLG. This estimate includes the additional trail extension and the mandatory 10-year maintenance costs as per the Region's policy as a result of being technically unwarranted.

NEED FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Subject to approval of this report, notice for two pedestrian crossover projects will be provided to residents via an information page on the Town website, Council Highlights, social media, Notice Board on the Town's web page and East Gwillimbury Express Town page.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The recommendations of this report align with the following Strategic Priorities:



Responsible
Growth &
Environmental
Protection

Ensure that communities are built in a respectful manner, with resident and business quality of life protected



Build
Complete
Communities

Effectively manage new and existing assets to deliver exceptional services to residents while ensuring a sustainable community

CONCLUSION

Construction of the pedestrian crossovers on Yonge Street in Holland Landing and on Mount Albert Road in Sharon would provide enhanced pedestrian safety while crossing busy Regional roads as well as provide improved network connectivity. To facilitate construction of these pedestrian crossovers, specific Regional approval is required.

Staff ask that Council request Regional support to proceed with design and ultimate construction of pedestrian crossovers at the noted locations.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Location Map

Appendix 2 - Proposed Level 2 Type B Crossover – Yonge Street Location

Appendix 3 - Potential Crossover Types – Mount Albert Road Location

Appendix 4 - Mount Albert Road Layout Options

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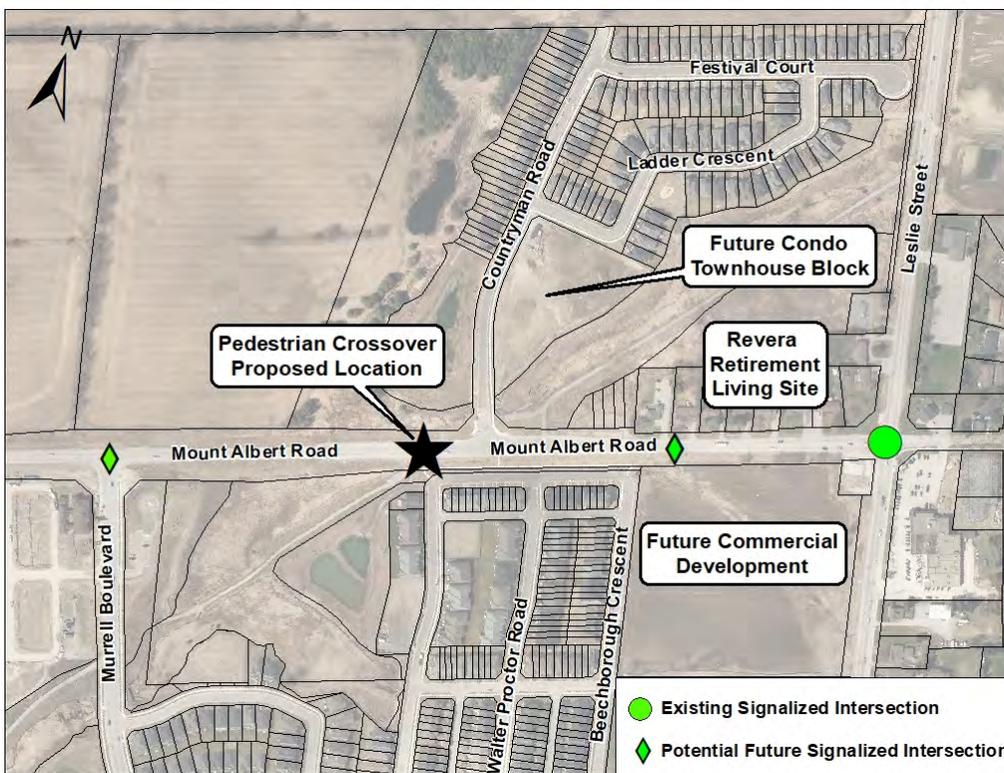
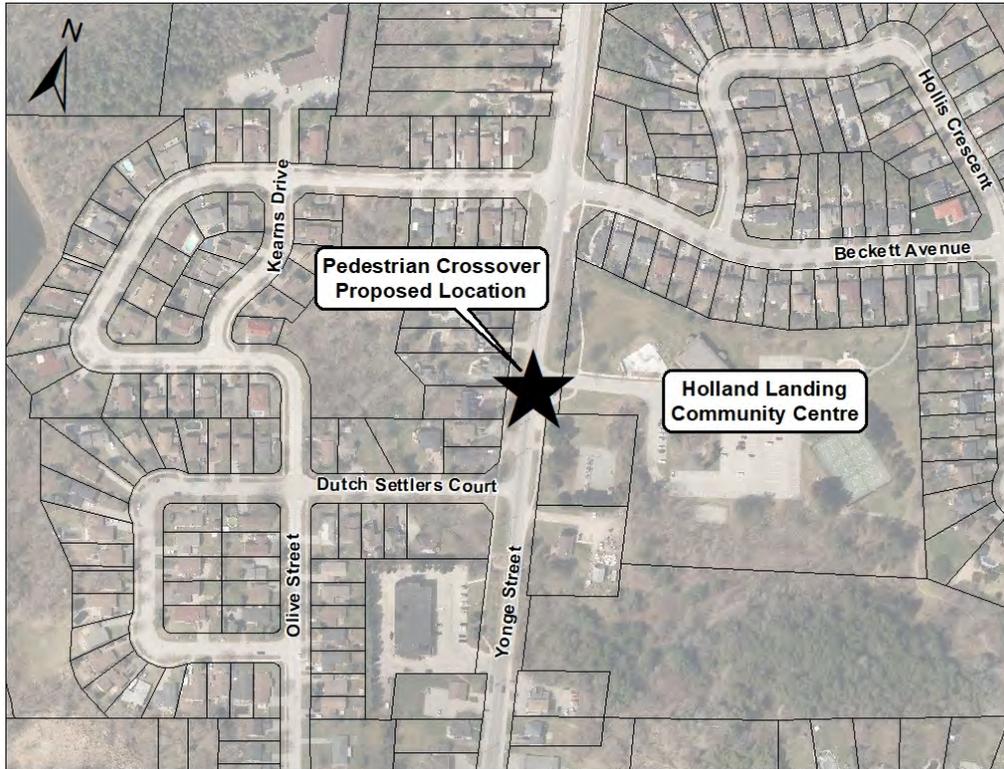
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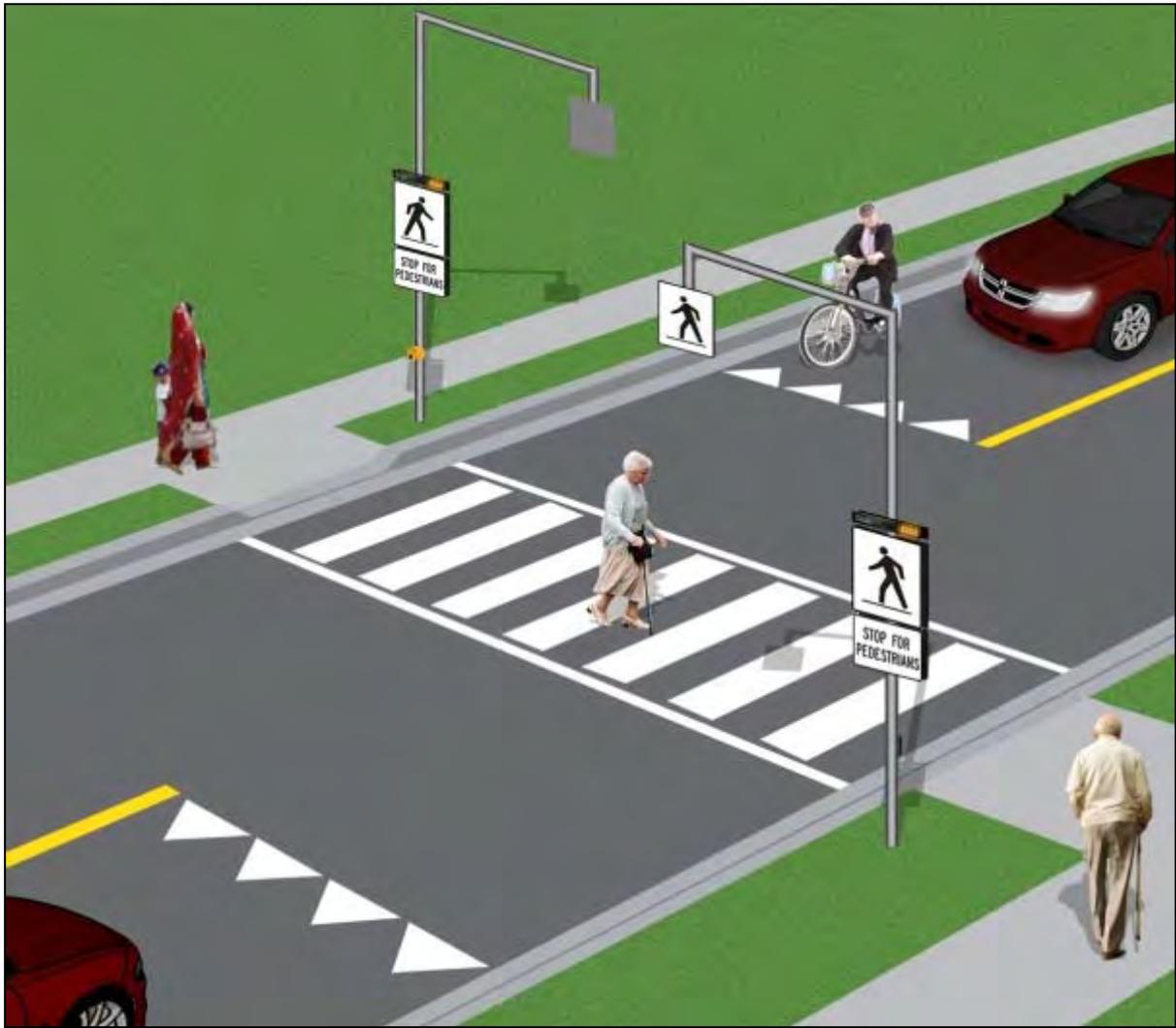
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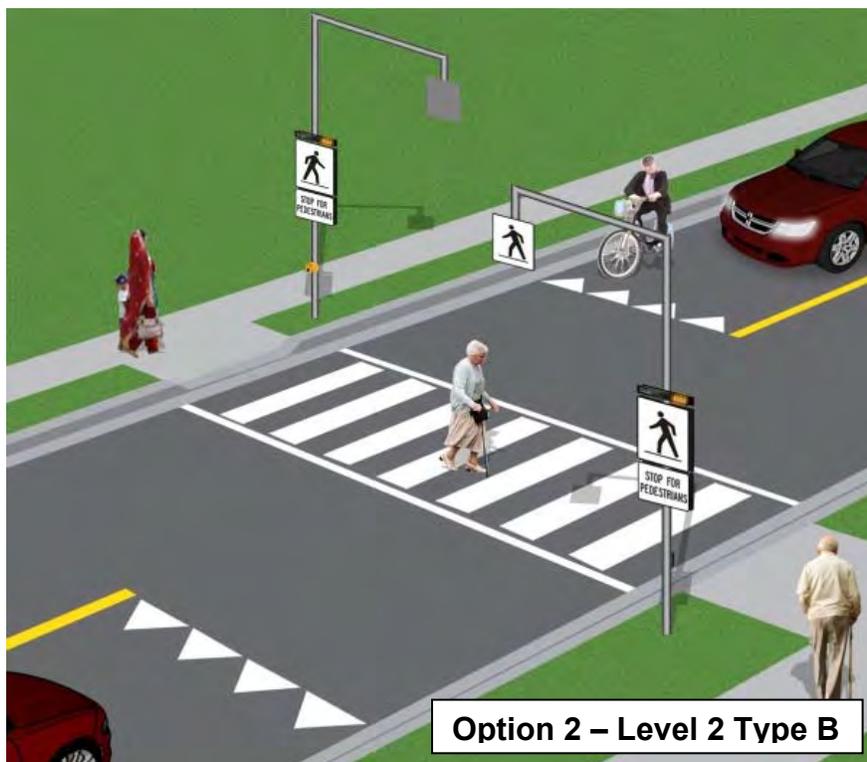
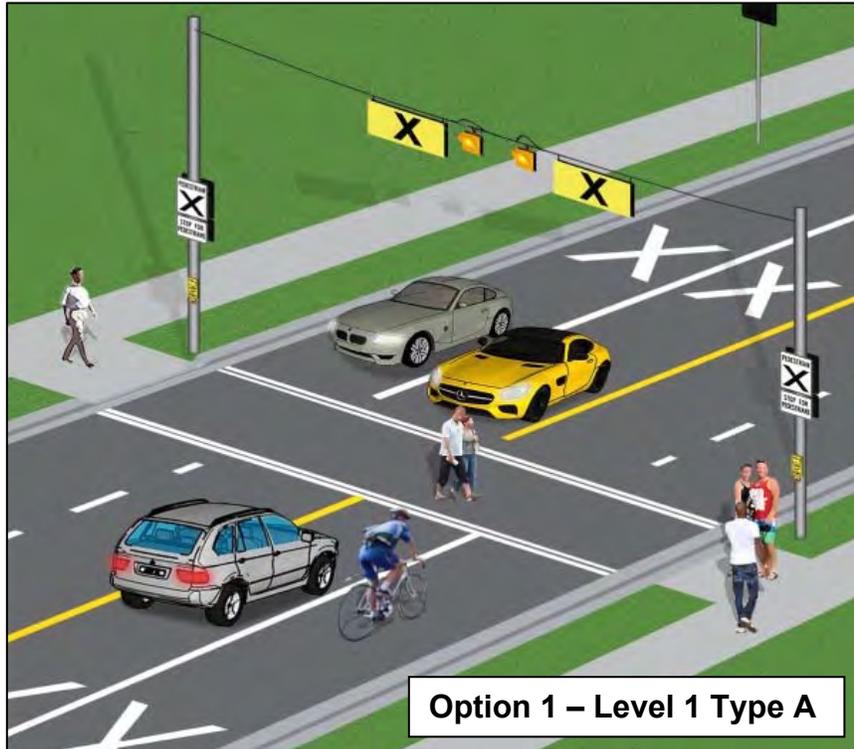
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