

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Report DCS 05-2022

Council Meeting Date: February 1, 2022

TO: Mayor Weber and Members of Council
FROM: Ashley Farr, Director of Community Services
RE: Centre Ipperwash Community Association
RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report DCS 05-2022 regarding the “Centre Ipperwash Community Association” be received; and

THAT costs associated with installation of a crosswalk on East Parkway Drive and speed limit signage be deferred to budget discussions.

SUMMARY

This report provides an update to the Centre Ipperwash Community Association’s presentation to Council in November 2021.

BACKGROUND

At its November 30, 2021, meeting, Council passed the following motion:

21-1130-08 THAT staff prepare a report in response to the issues identified in the CICA presentation. Carried

Staff have had an opportunity to meet with representatives from the Centre Ipperwash Community Association (CICA) to address the issues identified in their presentation. The issues identified by CICA include:

1. Streetlights on Army Camp Road
2. Pedestrian crosswalk on East Parkway Drive at MNRF Area 1
3. Enforcement of parking on roads and boat launch at Ipperwash Road
4. Clear messaging about public/private sections of the beach on website and kiosks and accurate depiction of public parking areas and beach access points

The following sections will provide Council of an update on each of these identified issues and possible solutions for addressing these concerns.

1. Streetlights on Army Camp Road

Staff has engaged the services of a consulting engineering firm to undertake the design of the requested lights. The design is virtually complete, however a layout from Hydro One is still outstanding and is required in order to complete the design and cost estimate. Staff have talked to Hydro One and expect the layout shortly. Once a final cost is determined, staff will determine how the project might fit into the existing budget, or if a new capital budget will be required.

2. Pedestrian Crosswalk on East Parkway

CICA has indicated that a crosswalk on East Parkway at MNRF Area 1 is needed to ensure safe passage of pedestrians from the large parking area to the beach. Staff have investigated and suggest that a level 2, Type D crosswalk (shown below) could be warranted. The estimated cost for installation is between \$15,000 - \$25,000 for concrete pedestrian waiting areas and possible lighting requirements.

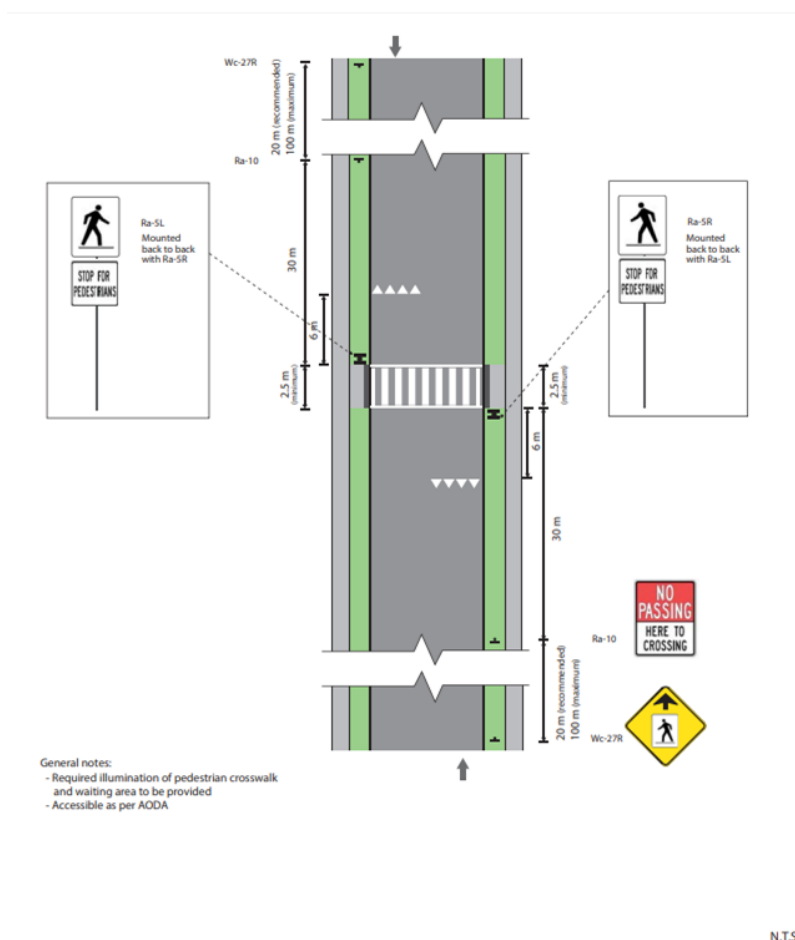


Figure 39: Pedestrian Crossover Level 2 Type D – Mid-block (2-lane, 2-way)

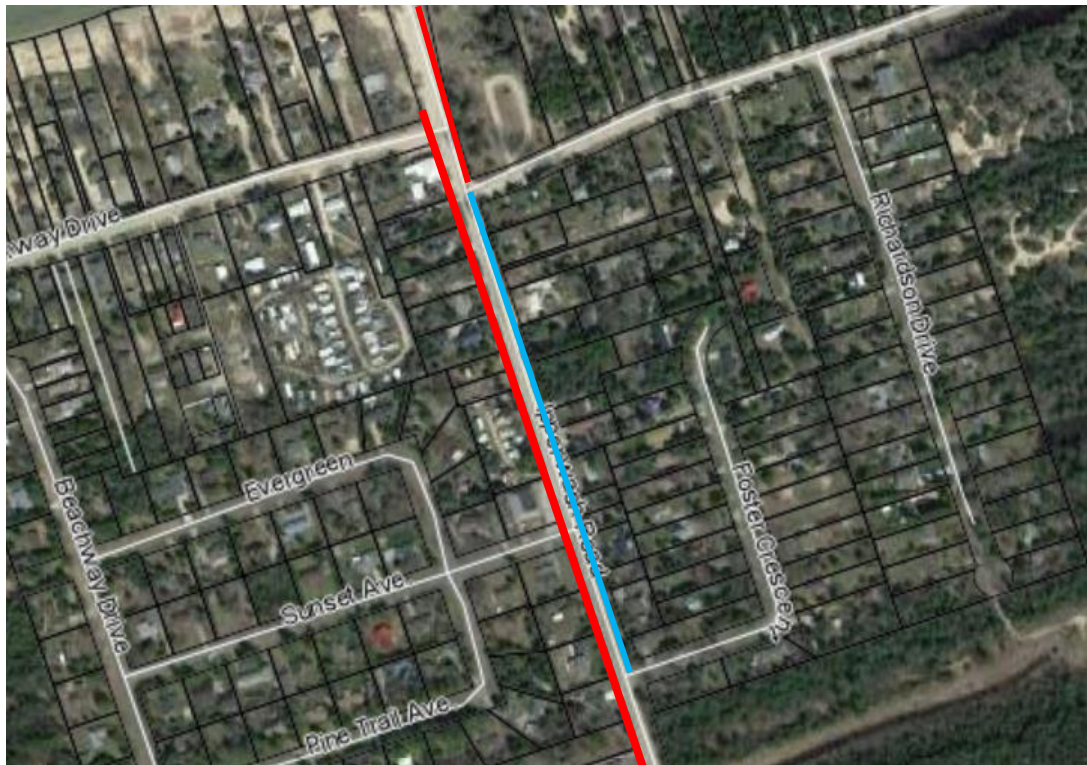
CICA representatives also requested that staff investigate the possibility of lowering speed limits on local streets in Ipperwash to 40km/hour. Staff recommends that speed

reductions are considered only for local roads (secondary roads) and not for main roads such as West Ipperwash Road, Ipperwash Road and Army Camp Road. The cost for this conversion is estimated to be \$5,000.

3. Enforcement of parking on roads and boat launch at Ipperwash Road

CICA identified concerns with the multi-purpose use of the boat launch area. Staff are supportive of the request to prohibit all parking of any type of vehicle (e.g., tow tractors) in the boat launch area and will take measures to eliminate parking including enforcement (e.g., towing). CICA has agreed to help communicate parking restrictions to all members as staff anticipate that some vehicles parked in this area belong to residents that have utilized this area for many years. In addition to the obvious safety issues that vehicles interacting with pedestrian beach goers, staff is supportive of removing all vehicles for environmental reasons. Vehicles will still be able to access the water for the purposes of launching a boat or personal watercraft but will be required to park the vehicle and trailer elsewhere.

CICA has also requested no parking signs to be installed along Ipperwash Road between East Parkway and Foster Crescent (shown below).



Presently the Parking Bylaw restricts parking on the west side of Ipperwash Road from Highway 21 to West Parkway Drive, and on the east side of Ipperwash Road from East Parkway Drive to Lake Huron (as indicated by the red lines on the image above). Parking is permitted on the east side of the road from Highway 21 to East Parkway Drive.

Staff agree that an amendment to the Parking Bylaw to restrict parking on the east side of Ipperwash Road from East Parkway Drive to Foster Crescent is reasonable given the assumption of pedestrian traffic utilizing the paved shoulders/pedestrian walkways in this area (proposed amendment indicated by blue line in image above).

The cost to install signs in these locations is estimated to be under \$500. Staff indicated to CICA that bylaw enforcement will be maintained at the same level as 2021, which was satisfactory.

4. Clear messaging about public/private sections of the beach on website and kiosks and accurate depiction of public parking areas and beach access points

Staff will reach out to other tourism agencies to help provide support for consistent messaging across various agencies regarding the public sections of the beach (e.g., Tourism Sarnia-Lambton, Grand Bend Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Ontario's Southwest). CICA requested that improved messaging be provided for visitors to help them understand the locations of public properties along Ipperwash Beach. Staff can update the kiosk maps to identify the locations of the public beach and parking areas more clearly. The maps will not identify locations of private properties but will include a statement to indicate that some properties are private.

A QR code will be added to the maps to link to a trails map (from Lambton Shores Nature Trails) for the Ipperwash Dunes and Swales property. The Lambton Shores website will be updated with the same information. The cost to update the maps is expected to be less than \$500.

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

Council may choose to not to defer the financial considerations to budget discussions.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The recommendation is to defer costs over \$500 associated with the CICA requests to budget discussions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Parking signs and map updates are expected to cost less than \$500 each and can be covered through the operating budget. Expenses for the crosswalk and speed sign changes have not been included in the 2022 budget and therefore would need to be deferred to budget discussions.

CONSULTATION

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