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Pedestrian crossovers may be eliminated

By Melanie Hennessey
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All pedestrian crossovers in Milton could soon be eliminated permanently if town council approves a committee-supported motion at its meeting later this month.

The community services committee endorsed a resolution last week that calls for all existing crossovers — which are sections on local busy roads where pedestrians can activate flashing lights when crossing the street — to be removed and no further ones be installed.

The motions says instead, only intersection pedestrian signals and mid-block pedestrian signals, which look and work like traffic signals, should be installed on major roadways if warrants are fulfilled.

A staff report explains the municipality has received complaints from both pedestrians and motorists about the safety of the crossovers.

"These calls relate to motorists not stopping when the yellow lights were flashing on the pedestrian crossovers and also pedestrians not pushing the buttons located in the middle of the road at the pedestrian refuge islands to activate the lights," the report says.

Staff conducted studies at the five crossover locations to determine if they're warranted, looking at both traf-

fic volume and number of pedestrians crossing the road.

The results show the only spot that meets the warrant is on Ontario Street at Ridge Drive. The committee went on to support removing the pedestrian crossover at that location and replacing it with a mid-block pedestrian signal.

Mayor Gord Krantz voiced support for removing the crossovers, noting every time traffic has to stop it creates gridlock and pollution.

"I'd suggest some decisions to put these in were political decisions," he said, cautioning councillors to be careful about "falling into that trap" again. "Several (of the crossovers) around town probably should never have gone in."

Currently there are two pedestrian crossovers on Ontario Street, one on Martin Street and another on Childs Drive. There was one on Bronte Street, but it was taken down to make way for a home that was moved.

Staff estimates it will cost \$150,000 to remove the crossovers and install the pedestrian signal.

The motion will be on council's agenda this Monday. If it's approved, the locations where the crossovers are being taken down will continue to be monitored by staff to see if other traffic control devices are needed.

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Manslaughter case continues in Barrie

An Orillia man charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of a Milton dentist will return to court September 24 in Barrie.

Adam Holland, 23, appeared at Superior Court of Justice February 2 when the date was set to continue the

pre-trial.

Dr. David Dumencu, 42, was found lying unconscious with head injuries in the parking lot of an Orillia-area tavern in June 2004.

He was taken to an area hospital and died two days later.



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If you require information about taxes, please contact the Corporate Services, Tax Division at (905) 878-7252 ext. 2193, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Tax payments must be received in the Corporate Services Office on or before the due date to avoid penalty. A late payment charge of 1.25% will be charged on the first day of default and on the first day of each calendar month in which the default continues.

It is the responsibility of the ratepayer to ensure that the taxes are paid by the due date, even in the event that the bill is not received as mailed.

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- Telephone or Internet banking (check with your financial institution for details)
- By using the mail deposit box to the left of the glass doors at Town Hall (all hours)
- Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Corporate Services (Tax Division), Town Hall, 43 Brown St., Milton. (Cheque or money order is preferred, rather than cash). Direct Debit also accepted.
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