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Pedestrian Crossover to be Introduced on Owl Drive

June 2016

Dear Parents,

I would like to advise you that the City of Ottawa will be installing a Pedestrian Crossover on Owl Drive at Pigeon Terrace. The Pedestrian Crossover will provide a safer environment for parents and students on their daily travels to Bayview and Holy Family Schools as well as Owl Park. City staff have identified this section of Owl Drive as a priority location to install the first pedestrian crossover in River Ward.

More information on the City's Pedestrian Crossover Program is available below and on the City's website at www.Ottawa.ca. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the program.

Sincerely,

Riley

Pedestrian Crossovers

On January 1st, 2016, the Highway Traffic Act was revised to include a regulation which identifies a new type of pedestrian crossover. Now municipalities can install pedestrian crossovers on low speed, low and medium volume roads.

What is a Pedestrian Crossover?

Pedestrian crossovers are designated areas that allow pedestrians to safely cross roads where vehicles must yield to pedestrians when crossing. Pedestrian crossovers are identified by specific signs and pavement markings. In some cases, but not always, they may also have pedestrian activated flashing beacons.

Pedestrian Crossovers in Ottawa

The City of Ottawa will install up to 60 pedestrian crossovers as a pilot project each year for the next three years at warranted locations throughout the city, starting in June of 2016. In the first year these locations will include low speed, low to medium volume roads, and at most single lane roundabouts. The locations of the planned 2016 Pedestrian Crossovers in Ottawa are available on Ottawa.ca.

Road User Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all road users (drivers, cyclists and pedestrians) to understand and follow the rules at Pedestrian Crossovers.

- *Drivers* should always watch for pedestrians at these crossings. Drivers and cyclists must stop behind the yield line, and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians whenever they see the Pedestrian Crossover sign. Once pedestrians have cleared the entire roadway, drivers may proceed with caution. Note also that vehicles must not pass any other vehicle within 30 metres prior to a Pedestrian Crossover.
- When riding with traffic, *cyclists* will face the same responsibilities and fines as drivers – the new law requires cyclists to stop and yield the whole roadway to pedestrians. When crossing with pedestrians, cyclists must follow rules for pedestrians and dismount and walk the bike across the road.
- *Pedestrians* should make eye contact with the driver and make an indication to vehicles that they want to cross before entering the roadway. At Pedestrian Crossovers equipped with flashing beacons, pedestrians may push a button to make the beacon flash to enhance driver's awareness that they will be crossing.

Fines

Drivers and cyclists will be fined \$150 to \$500 with 3 demerit points for offences at pedestrian crossings.

Pedestrian Crossovers

New to Ottawa



Pedestrians

- ➔ Indicate intention to cross
- ➔ Wait for traffic to stop
- ➔ Make eye contact to ensure driver sees you



Cyclists

- ➔ When riding with traffic, follow rules for drivers
- ➔ When crossing with pedestrians, follow rules for pedestrians; dismount and walk your bike across road



Drivers

- ➔ Be prepared to stop for pedestrians
- ➔ Stop behind the yield line
- ➔ Make eye contact to ensure pedestrian sees you
- ➔ Wait until pedestrian completely crosses road before proceeding



Fines and penalties

\$150 to \$500 and 3 demerit points for offences at pedestrian crossover



For more information on pedestrian crossovers visit ottawa.ca

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If I can be of assistance, please contact my office.
Si je peux vous aider, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec mon bureau.

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