

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

**FROM:** Chris Mills, Commissioner of Transportation & Public Works

**DATE:** April 3, 2019

**MEMORANDUM NO.:** MEM-TPW-2019-00011

**RE:** Pedestrian Crossover

### **PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Council on the implementation of Pedestrian Crossovers within the Town of Halton Hills to promote pedestrian safety.

### **BACKGROUND:**

As part of the Traffic Engineering Work Plan report, it was noted that six (6) Pedestrian Crossovers were installed in 2018 and an additional two (2) will be installed in 2019. On January 1, 2016 the Highway Traffic Act was amended to provide additional pedestrian safety at marked crossovers. This memo outlines the current requirements for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists at the crossover locations. The attached graphic will be posted on our website and promoted through social media network.

### **COMMENTS:**

At marked pedestrian crossovers, pedestrians are required to press the pushbutton to activate the flashing lights (if applicable), indicate your intention to cross by extending your arm and pointing and wait for traffic to stop. It is good practice to make eye contact with the drivers to ensure awareness.

A motorist must be prepared to stop for pedestrians at marked crossovers and stop behind the yield line. New rules require that the driver remains stopped until the pedestrian is completely across the intersection. Motorists are prohibited from passing stopped cars at pedestrian crossovers. Failure to obey will result in a fine of \$150 - \$500 and 3 demerit points.

Cyclists must obey the same rules as motorists when riding with traffic and are required to dismount and follow the rules for pedestrians when utilizing a pedestrian crossover.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

Since our first pedestrian crossover installation in 2017, Town staff has been working with our local schools at locations where the pedestrian crossovers have been implemented to educate the students on how to properly use them. Staff recently spent the day with Georgetown District High School students and informed them on the pedestrian crossovers along with other road safety initiatives. In addition, as part of the initial installation at each location, we continue to educate the drivers in partnership with Halton Regional Police Services so that they completely understand their responsibility as a driver when a pedestrian and or cyclist enters the crosswalk. Staff will continue to take opportunities to advise the public of these devices and the roles and responsibilities associated with them.

**CONCLUSION:**

The Town of Halton Hills promotes pedestrian safety and works in partnership with Halton Regional Police Services. The installation of pedestrian crossovers promotes the overall safety for active transportation. In 2019, staff will be implementing an additional 2 pedestrian crossovers within the community.

Reviewed and approved by,

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**Brent Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer**