

Bridge Street Reconstruction Plans - Intersection of Bridge and Rolph Streets

I have reviewed the plans in detail and find them to be very impressive. However, before I saw these plans, I felt there was a safety concern at this intersection.

The Veteran's Memorial Walkway commencing at this intersection runs all the way from this intersection, through Hickory Hills and crosses Quarter Town Line and goes through Baldwin Place. This walkway has a very high volume of users, especially Seniors from Hickory Hills and Baldwin Place, many using walkers and scooters. It is also used by many young families who have moved into the area with baby carriages and young children. In the summer it is also used a lot by the nearby day care centre with little children all holding a rope. Rolph St. is a very busy road with traffic going to the hospital, the church and food bank, and many drivers using it has a fast way to get from Concession to Baldwin St. and is getting increasingly difficult to cross the street safely.

On the walkway at Wilson Ave in Hickory Hill and on Quarter Townline at Baldwin Place there are very safe flashing pedestrian crosswalks. Since the reconstruction of Bridge St. will take some time, I recommend that the Town examine making this intersection, at the minimum a 3 way stop sign until the construction commences.