

Subject: Pedestrian Crossover at Annadale Public School on Tillson Avenue - Update

Report Number: OPD 25-027

Department: Operations and Development Department

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Meeting Type: Council Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, April 28, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT report OPD 25-027 titled “Pedestrian Crossover at Annadale Public School on Tillson Avenue - Update” be received as information; and
- B. THAT a by-law to amend By-Law 2022-029, being a by-law to regulate traffic and the parking of motor vehicles in the Town of Tillsonburg be presented at a future meeting of Council.

BACKGROUND

Through recent Transportation Planning, Oxford County staff have identified the need to upgrade the pedestrian crossing at Annadale Public School, located on Tillson Avenue (County Road 53). This initiative is essential to enhance public safety for pedestrians, particularly students. Aerial and street view (looking south) of subject location below:

Figure1. Aerial and street view of the current pedestrian crossing.



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On March 10, 2025, staff presented Report OPD 25-008, titled “Pedestrian Crossover at Annandale Public School on Tillson Avenue,” to inform Council of the proposed crossover. Following deliberation, Council passed Resolution #2025-091:

Moved By: Councillor Spencer

Seconded By: Councillor Rosehart

A. THAT report OPD 25-008 titled “Pedestrian Crossover at Annadale Public School on Tillson Avenue” be received as information; and

B. THAT Council directs staff to request alternative options to Oxford County to consider feasibility, consideration and adjustment of the crosswalk no-parking bylaw to be confined to school hours schedule only and that parking be allowed and considered for non-school hours as existing businesses depend on that parking especially during the evenings and weekends and/ or the location of the crosswalk be adjusted to another location to allow for business parking or the crossover be removed.

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DISCUSSION

In response to Council's direction, staff consulted with the County to explore relocation options for the proposed pedestrian crossover (PXO). After conducting an investigation, the County revised the PXO location by shifting it a few meters south to address parking concerns raised by the owner of Tillson Pizza. This adjustment ensures the crossover does not affect existing driveways while maintaining pedestrian safety and effectiveness. The County also met with the business owner onsite, who expressed support for the revised location.

Additionally, the current operations of the crossing guard will remain unchanged.

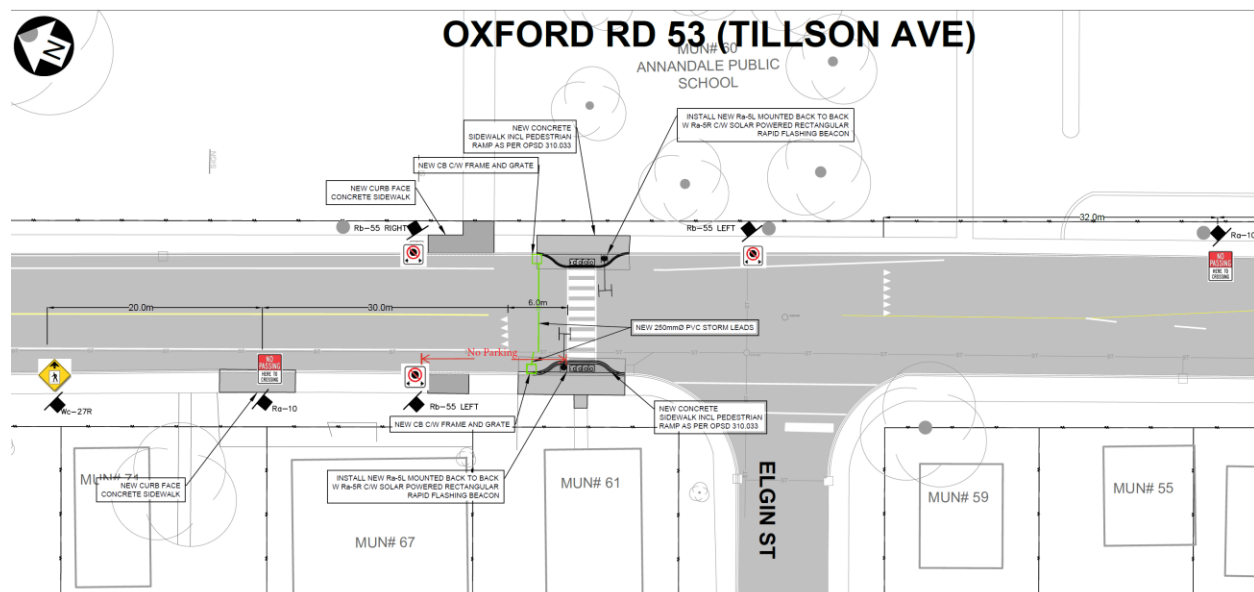
Next Steps:

The County will proceed with posting tender documents to ensure the PXO is completed and operational before the start of the school year in September.

Staff support the revised PXO location and recommend proceeding with the project as planned. A draft bylaw amendment is pending to restrict on-street parking further as necessary to implement the PXO.

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Figure 2. Proposed Pedestrian Crossover location



CONSULTATION

The following staff were consulted in preparation of this report:

- Manager of Engineering
- Manager of Public Works
- Oxford's Senior Manager of Transportation & Waste Management Services

The County also met onsite with the Owners and they are supportive of the revised PXO location.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

This is an Oxford County-funded project on County Road 53. As such, no financial commitments are required from the Town.

CORPORATE GOALS

How does this report support the corporate goals identified in the Community Strategic Plan?

- ☐ Lifestyle and amenities
- ☐ Customer service, communication and engagement
- ☐ Business attraction, retention and expansion
- ☐ Community growth
- ☒ Connectivity and transportation

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☐ Not Applicable

Does this report relate to a specific strategic direction or project identified in the Community Strategic Plan? Please indicate section number and/or any priority projects identified in the plan.

Goal – Tillsonburg residents and businesses will be connected to each other, regional networks, and the world through effective traditional and digital infrastructure.

Strategic Direction – Develop a multi-modal transportation network with improved connectivity to the 401 and VIA Rail.

Priority Project – Transportation Master Plan

ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments.