



Submission re the Retention of Hubbards' Marked Crosswalk

The Honourable Kim Masland, Minister of Public Works

Michael Croft, Provincial Traffic Authority

We understand it is the intent of Public Works to remove the markings, including the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) of the recently installed marked crosswalk between the J.D. Shatford Memorial Library and Yacht Club Road after the World Sailing Championships.

We wish to add our voice to those who request the marked crosswalk be retained.

While we have no idea as to the pedestrian volumes at this location we do note

- the location is directly across from a public library
- the location is near a Canada Post office
- the location is adjacent to a cafe
- while we cannot tell precisely where the property line is arguably the location is a crosswalk, given the proximate intersection with Yacht Club Road
- the investment has been made to 'zebra' mark the lines and add the RRFBs

While we appreciate decisions have historically not been made based on the 'wishes' of residents we believe the needs of residents should be factored into decisions. In this case the overwhelming wish is to retain this important infrastructure to enhance pedestrian safety.

It is clear from responses / 'likes' to Facebook posts, for example the post of the addition of our crosswalk flags to the marked crosswalk has already received 62 'likes', the community is very appreciative of the addition of this marked crosswalk.

We understand decisions of this nature should be made primarily on engineering criteria, yet at the same time it is obvious the community believes the marked crosswalk is a positive addition to their safety.

Government exists to serve the residents of Nova Scotia, and as such the voices of these residents should not be ignored.

Removing the marked crosswalk without very sound, well-communicated reasoning strikes us as a step back, immediately following the positive action of installing the marked crosswalk with RRFB infrastructure.

Given all the above, and the fact an investment has already been made to install the marked crosswalk, we ask that it be retained.

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