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LaSalle Reminds Drivers to Stop for Pedestrians

A common concern raised by LaSalle residents is the difficulty to cross the road at a pedestrian crossover. A pedestrian crossover is a type of crossing where drivers and cyclists are required to stop for pedestrians intending to cross the road.

"We have received concerns from residents who have had trouble crossing the road at identified pedestrian crossovers. Drivers, pedestrians and cyclists all have a responsibility to know and follow the rules," said Peter Marra, Director of Public Works.

Pedestrian crossovers are often found at a stretch of roadway where there is no intersection. They allow people to cross the road safely without jaywalking. Pedestrian crossovers are identified by clear "Stop for Pedestrian" signs. There are also road markings including lines that indicate the crossing area for pedestrians, and shark tooth type symbols that indicate the yield line for drivers. Pedestrian crossovers can be found in about three dozen locations in Town, including: Normandy Street at the Cenotaph Park, Reaume Road at Malden Road and Matchette Road at Golfview Drive.

It is the responsibility of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians to understand and follow the rules of the road. Unlike intersections with traffic lights or stop signs where it is safe to proceed once the pedestrian is clear of your vehicle, at pedestrian crossovers, it is the law to wait until pedestrians have crossed the full width of the road before proceeding.

Drivers

- Look for the signs and slow down. Be prepared to stop if a pedestrian is waiting to cross the road.
- Drivers must stop at the shark tooth type symbols. You don't need to stop if there is nobody waiting to cross.
- Make eye contact to ensure the pedestrian sees you.
- Wait until the pedestrian crosses the entire width of the road before proceeding.

Pedestrians

- Hold your hand out in front of you to indicate that you are crossing the road.
- Look both ways and wait for traffic to stop.
- Make eye contact with the driver(s) before crossing.

Cyclists

- When crossing the road, follow the rules for pedestrians, dismount your bicycle and cross the road.
- When riding with traffic, follow the rules for drivers, and stop to allow pedestrians to cross the road.

Information about pedestrian crossovers and crosswalks can be found on the Town's website at www.lasalle.ca/crossovers

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