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New and Upgraded Pedestrian Crosswalks in Campbell River

The City installed six new sets of flashing amber lights at crosswalks in 2011 at:

- Highway 19A / Dahl Road (new crosswalk)
- South Alder Street / Pinecrest Road (upgrade to existing crosswalk)
- Alder Street / Evergreen Road (upgrade to existing crosswalk)
- Alder Street / 7th Avenue (upgrade to existing crosswalk)
- Pier Street / Robert Ostler Park (upgrade to existing crosswalk)
- South Alder Street / Garnet Road (existing crosswalk at the new Ecole Mer-et-Montagne)

“These upgrades encourage walking, improve safety and promote healthy lifestyles,” says Mayor Walter Jakeway. “These crosswalks are one of the many tools the City is using to assist pedestrians and to encourage more walking, which is better for citizens, the community, and the environment.”

The crosswalk at Pier Street and Robert Ostler Park was 100 per cent funded through gaming revenue. Fifty per cent of the crosswalk at South Alder / Garnet was paid funded by School District 93. The remaining crosswalks (and the 50 per cent City portion for the crosswalk at Alder / Garnet) all come from Federal Gas Tax Community Works Fund.

Another bonus: the flashing yellow lights run on green energy; they’re solar-powered rather than drawing electricity from the City grid.

Residents are reminded that the flashing lights are to alert drivers; they’re not traffic signals like an illuminated walk / don’t walk sign.

“The flashing lights are positioned to attract the attention of motorists,” says Ron Neufeld, the City’s general manager of operations. “The lights are designed to alert drivers that a pedestrian is crossing or waiting to cross. The lights do not guarantee that a vehicle will stop for the pedestrian.”

For maximum safety, pedestrians are reminded to never leave the curb until they are certain approaching vehicles have stopped or will stop.

Remember:

- push button,
- wait for flashing lights,
- cross when safe.

And a reminder to drivers: to watch for pedestrians waiting to cross the road. It is illegal to pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk, as there may be a pedestrian in the crosswalk.

Please direct feedback about these crosswalks to the City’s transportation specialist, Melissa Heidema at 250-850-2300.

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