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New Lane Configuration and Pedestrian-Activated Crossing Coming to Commonwealth Avenue

MOUNT PEARL, NL – The City of Mount Pearl is pleased to announce that pedestrian safety improvements on Commonwealth Avenue at the T'Railway are nearing completion. The project, which was partially funded by a grant from Trans Canada Trail, includes the installation of a pedestrian crossing, which responds to longstanding concerns raised by residents and trail users and will provide a safer and more accessible crossing.

In addition to the new crossing, the City is piloting a lane configuration change at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue, Park Avenue and Ruth Avenue to help improve traffic flow, particularly during peak travel periods.

"The installation of this new pedestrian crossing and the accompanying traffic improvements reflect Council's ongoing commitment to improving safety and accessibility for residents while supporting the efficient movement of traffic through one of the city's busiest corridors," says Mayor Dave Aker.

How the New Crossing Works

Once activated, flashing signals will alert motorists to stop and remain stopped until pedestrians have completely cleared the crossing. This system will help pedestrians travelling along the T'Railway cross Commonwealth Avenue with confidence.

Lane Configuration Changes

The updated lane configuration will allow vehicles travelling southbound in the outside lane on Commonwealth Avenue to continue straight through the intersection at Park Avenue and Ruth Avenue.

Vehicles travelling eastbound on Ruth Avenue and turning right onto Commonwealth Avenue will now be required to stop before entering the roadway, rather than yield to traffic.

Construction and Traffic Impacts

Installation of signal poles, pavement markings and related infrastructure will require temporary lane restrictions on Commonwealth Avenue in the coming weeks.

Motorists are encouraged to follow the City of Mount Pearl's official Facebook page for traffic impact notices and to visit heymountpearl.ca/commonwealth-crosswalk for a location map, information on how the crossing works, and to sign up for project updates.

As temporary traffic delays may occur while this work is underway, the City appreciates the public's patience as these improvements are completed.

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