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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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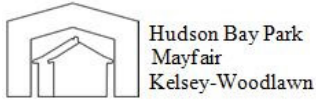
I will be available to address the Committee under agenda item 6.3 Requests to Speak

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Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No

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October 4, 2021

To: Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

The recent and tragic death of Baeleigh Emily Maurice on 33rd Street has provided the opportunity for enhanced safety measures to ensure the safe crossing of all pedestrians and cyclists on this ever-increasing busy street. These measures are, of course, the responsibility of the City of Saskatoon.

Although there is a cost attached, simple measures can go a long way. Many drivers are in a hurry to get where they are going and often fail to pay attention to what is around them. Whether they be distracted or do not abide by speed limits or other factors, most accidents are preventable.

The concerns I wish to address with you today are four (4) methods and actions the COS can take to ensure pedestrian safety at crosswalks.

SIGNAGE: Currently, pedestrian crosswalk signs are located AT the crosswalk. A COS 2004 report* identifies various methods to draw attention to the crosswalk. One is the yellow sign that is posted in advance of a crosswalk. This should give all drivers advanced notice that a crosswalk is ahead and that they should take the necessary steps to be aware when approaching a crosswalk. It would also be advantageous to have both signs illuminated by a flashing light (solar powered).

CROSSWALKS: There are numerous ways to make a crosswalk more visible. Currently the crosswalks on 33rd Street are faded. Bright & colourful crosswalks are better at getting attention. Raised crosswalks also provide greater visibility for both the pedestrian and the driver, even though this is a bane for street clearing. Rather than a pedestrian activated yellow flashing light, make them red. This would force the driver to stop.

RECOGNITION: As a means of drawing attention to this tragedy, mark this location and all locations with a white cross or other culturally appropriate symbol. This should have an impact of all who pass by so that we may not forget. Undoubtedly, this must be handled with great delicacy and would require support from the family affected. You have probably noticed the signs the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) have placed where an impaired driver was stopped.

EDUCATION: SGI has several reports regarding pedestrian safety. There are many common sense and courteous ways both groups should become more familiar with. Saskatoon has become a car-centric city which defeats the purpose and goals of active transportation.

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/moving-around/walking/active-transportation>

<https://www.sgi.sk.ca/pedestrian-safety>

Diane Bentley

President: Hudson Bay Park/ Mayfair/ Kelsey Woodlawn Community Association

Crosswalks on 33rd Street Mayfair/Caswell:

- 1) Idylwyld & 33rd St: Traffic lights
- 2) Avenue B N.: Zebra Crosswalk (2)
- 3) Avenue C N.: Zebra Crosswalk & flashing yellow lights (At FreshCo)
- 4) Avenue D N.: Zebra Crosswalk & Traffic Lights
- 5) Avenue E N.: Zebra Crosswalk
- 6) Avenue F N.: Zebra Crosswalk & flashing yellow lights @ Mayfair Library
- 7) Avenue F N.: Zebra Crosswalk: faded beyond recognition
- 8) Avenue G N.: Zebra Crosswalk: very faded

* https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/documents/transportation-utilities/transportation/pedestrian_crossings_policy.pdf