

Dear City of Fort St. John Council,

It has come to my attention there are several safety and accessibility issues occurring at the crosswalk on the corner of the intersection at 93rd street and 100 avenue.

Safety Concerns:

There is a group of Elementary School students from Alwin Holland who walk across 100th avenue daily to get to school. Most recently, there was a situation where this group had to wait an unreasonable amount of time at the crosswalk (on the side of 93rd street) as the continuous flow of traffic failed to stop for them. As we are nearing our darkest time of the year in our winter city, around 8:00-8:30am when these children are on route to school is already extremely dark, and this is magnified by the dim lighting that is directly above that crosswalk, as well as the many burnt out and non-working street lights along the entire 100th corridor, specifically between 90st and 100st.

It is because of this that I suggest the placement of a flashing crosswalk sign, as despite the current reflective signage, the visibility of the group of children was very limited.

Accessibility Concerns:

There has been on more than one occasion where a person using a wheelchair crossing from the side of 93rd street to the sidewalk passing in front of BC Hydro has had to use the outside lane of traffic all the way down to the cemetery before being able to get onto the sidewalk due to a lack of curb ramp on that side of the crosswalk.

Due to the inaccessibility of the sidewalk at that crosswalk intersection, I am advocating for the installation of a curb ramp.

The safety and accessibility concerns listed above should be considered a high priority as it has to do with keeping those of our population who are most vulnerable (children, seniors, people with mobility differences) safe. If permanent measures are not able to be installed ASAP, it is my suggestion to explore and utilize temporary measures, with options such as a crossing guard and temporary ramp set up.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you,

Brittany Willson

Concerned Citizen