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**SUBJECT POLICY 11-5400-09 TRANSPORTATION NON STANDARD
CROSSWALK MARKING POLICY**

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To present options and recommendations regarding the draft "Policy 11-5400-09 Transportation Non-Standard Crosswalk Policy".

Recommendation

That Council approve "Policy 11-5400-09 Transportation Non-Standard Crosswalk Policy" dated 2018-MAY-07.

BACKGROUND

Through engineering, education, and enforcement, drivers and pedestrians have been conditioned to identify crosswalks marked with white parallel lines or white zebra bars as the location where pedestrians should be expected to cross the road. As road marking products have advanced, there has become an opportunity to include more artistic treatments with the standard road markings and many municipalities have used this as an opportunity to add community art; however, these pieces of art may create safety or operational maintenance concerns.

In 2016 and 2017, the Nanaimo Pride Society approached the City and asked to have crosswalks along the Pride Parade route painted with rainbow patterns. In support of the Society, Council directed staff to paint two crosswalks at the intersection of Bastion Street and Commercial Street in 2016, and then all four crosswalks in 2017. This work cost approximately \$5,000 and \$10,000 respectively. In 2017, staff also received a request from the Victoria Crescent Business Association to have a crosswalk on Victoria Crescent marked with a non-standard crosswalk pattern; however, the pavement at this crosswalk was in need of renewal and staff advised the Business Association that it would not be possible to apply this type of marking without first repaving the crosswalk.

Staff are anticipating that requests for non-standard crosswalk markings will continue and are recommending that Council adopt a policy for receiving and responding to these requests as there could be transportation safety or budgetary impacts that would need to be considered prior to approval. The proposed Non-Standard Crosswalk Marking Policy was presented to the Public Works and Engineering Committee on 2018-APR-11. The Committee passed the following motion endorsing the proposed policy: "It was moved and seconded that the Public Works and Engineering Committee endorse "Policy 11-5400-09 Transportation Non-Standard Crosswalk Policy" and recommend that Council endorse the Policy."

OPTIONS

1. That Council approve "Policy 11-5400-09 Transportation Non-Standard Crosswalk Policy" dated 2018-MAY-07.
 - **Budget Implication:** Undertaking a staff review for each request for non-standard crosswalk markings will enable staff to determine if there will be any financial impacts associated with the request, and advise Council.
2. That Council provide alternate direction as to the draft "Policy 11-5400-09 Transportation Non-Standard Crosswalk Marking Policy".

SUMMARY POINTS

- Requests for Non-Standard crosswalks need to be reviewed to determine the road safety and municipal finances impact.
- The Policy will ensure that each request will be considered prior to being approved by Council.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Draft "Policy 11-5400-09 Transportation Non-Standard Crosswalk Marking Policy".

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