



AGENDA

Public Meeting – Proposed Woods Street Sidewalk Reinstatement

Council Chambers/Zoom
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 4:40 PM

Please visit the [TKL YouTube Channel](#) for the live-stream of the meeting.

1. Call to Order

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Summary of Reports

- 3.1. Proposed Remediation: 4-Way Stop at Queen Street & Woods Street
& Proposed Sidewalk Reinstatement on Woods Street
Stephane Fortin, Director of Public Works

4. Confirmation of Notice

5. Correspondence Received

- 5.1. Northeastern Catholic District School Board – September 14, 2023

6. Comments/Questions from Members of the Public

7. Consideration of Proposed By-Law

Proposed Direction: Council receive the comments/questions from members of the public surrounding the proposed remediation: 4-Way Stop at Queen and Woods Streets and Proposed Sidewalk Reinstatement on Woods Street; and that the proposed by-law amendments to Table B and Schedule B-3 of the Town's Parking By-Law, as amended, be brought forward for three (3) readings at the October 3, 2023 meeting of Council.

8. Adjournment



REPORT TO COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 11/07/2023

Report Number: 2023-PW-009

Presented by: Stephane Fortin

Department: Public Works

REPORT TITLE

Proposed Remediation: 4-Way Stop at Queen Street & Woods Street

RECOMMENDATION(S)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report Number 2023-PW-009 entitled “**Proposed Remediation: 4-Way Stop at Queen Street & Woods Street**” be received;

AND FINALLY THAT a Public Meeting be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 4:40 PM.

INTRODUCTION

Due to on-going safety concerns at the intersection of Queen and Woods Streets, a 4-way stop intersection and modifications to traffic calming signals are being proposed to increase safety.

DISCUSSION

As part of the 2022 Capital Budget approval process, Public Works Department installed an automated crosswalk (PXO) at the intersection of Queen St. and Woods St. with the main goal of increasing safety and with the intention of removing the crossing guard at this location.

While the installation of the PXO is compliant with safety standards and signage requirements, based on observations, comments and complaints, travelling motorists are not always obeying the new safety measures. Over the course of the past 8 months, the Public Works Department determined that the PXO is in essence ineffective as vehicles simply do not stop for pedestrians, despite the new PXO fully activated. A crossing guard was reinstated at this location due to the on-going safety concerns.

Justifiably, turning left onto Queen St. from Woods St. is considered very dangerous as the line of sight is fully obstructed by the bend in the Road on the East side of the intersection. Administration identified this as another safety concern that would benefit from a 4-way stop.

To increase safety at this intersection, the following changes are proposed (Attachment 1):

1. Add new “STOP” Sign on the SE and NW corner of the intersection;
2. Change the overhead mid-intersection beacons to “all red” (currently 2 yellow and 2 red);
3. Reinstate the concrete sidewalk on the SW corner of the intersection that leads to St. Jerome School. *(This sidewalk was removed during a construction project and was never reinstated)*

The Temiskaming Road Safety Coalition supports the idea of changing the intersection into a 4-way stop intersection (Attachment 2).

Changes to By-Law 15-017 will include the addition of 2 stop signs, identified in Schedule ‘B’ of the said By-Law.

Proposed Timing of Implementation

Administration is proposing that approvals and implementation take place this year prior to the resuming of the schoolyear.

A public meeting is required to be held in accordance with the Town’s Notice By-Law when a roadway is permanently altered, in this instance, the implementation of sidewalks.

It is being proposed that the Public Meeting take place on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at the onset of the Regular Meeting (similar to the Public Meetings held for the 2023 Budget and Updates to the Town’s User Fees).

Additional consultation from the public is being sought to allow comments on the proposed remedial plans to this intersection. The public is encouraged to provide comments to the Municipal Clerk between the publishing of the July 11 Council Agenda until the Public Meeting to allow for those members who can’t attend the public meeting an alternative method to have their concerns or comments to be read at the Public Meeting in August.

A supplemental Report to Council will be prepared with such a recommendation for approval surrounding the proposed changes to the intersection. The amendments to By-Law 15-017 will be presented on August 15, 2023 for approval.

OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Alternatively, the intersection could be kept “as-is,” with no new signage and the traffic calming beacons left unchanged. This is not desirable as the safety concerns are fully acknowledged at this intersection, and attention is required to attend to an increasing health and safety hazard.

Administration recommends that all three proposed measures be implemented in tandem for the best remedial outcome, being the health and safety of citizens.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The sidewalk was intended to be installed in 2023 and was factored into Public Work’s portion of the 2023 Operating Budget.

In terms of the signage and the proposed changes to the overhead beacons, the financial impacts would be minor. All works would be absorbed through materials and supplies and contracted services funds allocated in Public Works portion of the 2023 Operating Budget.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Strategic Priority (ies): Efficiency and Transparency

Goal(s): Achieve Sustainable Operational Excellence and Provide Outstanding Service.

Objective(s): Find & Implement Efficiencies and Improving Health and Safety for Staff & the Public.

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Given that the crosswalk is designed in compliance with accessibility in mind, the proposed changes to the intersection would help pedestrians with increased safety.

CONCLUSION

After 8 months of observation, combined with numerous complaints from the school and comments from residents, Administration conclude that the intersection of Queen St. and Woods St. would benefit from a 4-way stop intersection, traffic calming modifications and a designated sidewalk reinstatement.

CONSULTATIONS

Town of Kirkland Lake Senior Management Team

Executive Assistant & Roads Supervisors – Public Works

Timiskaming District Road Safety Coalition

Crossing Guard at St. Jerome School

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Diagram of Proposed Changes

Attachment 2 – Road Safety Coalition

Town of Kirkland Lake - Public Works Department

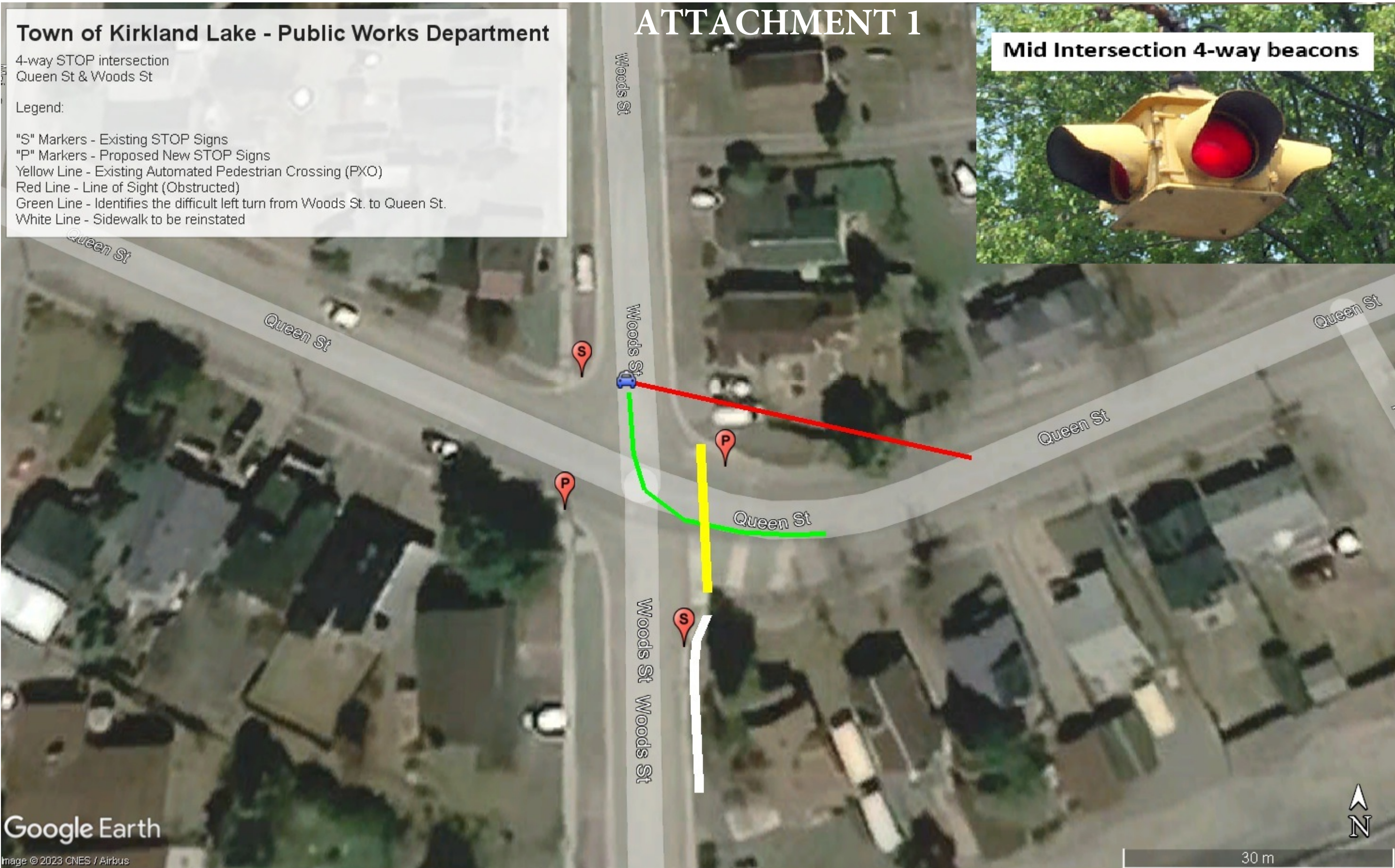
4-way STOP intersection
Queen St & Woods St

Legend:

- "S" Markers - Existing STOP Signs
- "P" Markers - Proposed New STOP Signs
- Yellow Line - Existing Automated Pedestrian Crossing (PXO)
- Red Line - Line of Sight (Obstructed)
- Green Line - Identifies the difficult left turn from Woods St. to Queen St.
- White Line - Sidewalk to be reinstated

ATTACHMENT 1

Mid Intersection 4-way beacons





Timiskaming District Road Safety Coalition
PO Bag 1090
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June 1, 2023

Dear Mr. Fortin,

In response to the continuing safety concerns sited at the Queen St. and Woods St. intersection with the installation of the new pedestrian crossover, TDRSC has been asked to provide some suggestions from concerned residents and community partners.

Traffic observations for this site and the St. Jerome student drop off/pick up have several concerns. Members of TDRSC have reviewed the current situation and would like to propose the following suggestions to help increase safety in this area. It is also important to note that site visits occurred with and without snow – which provides a valuable sight line difference.

Suggestions for the Woods St. / Queen St. intersection:

- Make the intersection a 4 way stop.
 - o Coordinate flashing overhead light to 4 flashing reds
 - o Ensure all stop lines have good visibility – consider advancing the stop line on Woods St. to have a great visibility to oncoming traffic (traffic observations noted almost all vehicles had to pull forward to see better before continuing) (see Fig 1 and 2)
- Repaint zebra crossing for PXO directly under the PXO lights
- Extend curb radius of Woods St. corner heading south (towards St. Jerome). This will help increase visibility of any oncoming traffic as well as slow drivers down to make a tighter corner. Wider radius turns are known to have higher speeds.
- Replace sidewalk that was previously existing; current situation has pedestrians crossing road at PXO with no clear desire line and are either walking into oncoming traffic or climbing a snowbank to get to school safely (Fig 3 and 4). There previously was a sidewalk on this stretch connecting pedestrians to school, however, since the Woods St infrastructure upgrades, this was left out. Once installed, add this stretch of sidewalk to the winter maintenance plan to maintain this sidewalk in winter months.
- Repaint crosswalk across Woods St.

TDRSC is happy to collaborate on road safety projects to enhance safety and liveability of our community. Thank you for your time, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Yours in road safety,

Krystal Oviatt
TDRSC Chair



Figure 1 View from standing at the current stop line on Woods St. facing East to Queen St.



Figure 2 View from Woods St. at the current crosswalk, where a stop line could be as there is enhanced visibility to oncoming traffic.



Figure 3 Snowbank after the PXO in April



Figure 4 Alternate route walking into oncoming traffic during busy drop off and pick up times.



Figure 5 Summary of proposed changes

SCHEDULE “ A” TO BY-LAW 23-0xx
Table “B” to By-Law 15-017, as amended

Table B - Stop Signs at Intersections			
Identification Number	Street	Direction of Travel	Intersection
1	Airport Road	W	Airport Road
2	Alexander Avenue	SE	Tweedsmuir Road
3	Algonquin Avenue	SE	Tweedsmuir Road
4	Algonquin Avenue	NE	Tweedsmuir Road
5	Allan Avenue	N	Government Road East
6	Archer Drive	E	Main Street
7	Archer Drive	W	Main Street
8	Archer Drive	NW	Highway 66
9	Beaver Drive	N	Government Road West
10	Bernhardt Drive	N	Harvey Drive
11	Brookbank Avenue	W	Duncan Avenue South
12	Brookbank Avenue	E	Duncan Avenue South
13	Brookbank Avenue	W	O'Meara Boulevard
14	Burnside Court	NW	Burnside Drive
15	Burnside Drive	S	Government Road East
16	Cameron Avenue	E	Hays Street
17	Carter Avenue	S	Dixon Avenue
18	Carter Avenue	N	Dixon Avenue
19	Chaput Avenue	S	Government Road West
20	Chateau Drive	S	Government Road West
21	Churchill Drive	N	Second Street
22	Comfort Street	N	Queen Street
23	Comfort Street	S	Queen Street
24	Comfort Street	N	King Street
25	Comfort Street	S	King Street
26	Comfort Street	N	Poplar Avenue
27	Conroy Avenue	W	Hays Street
28	Conroy Avenue	E	Hays Street
29	Culver Park	W	Hays Street
30	Dark Street	N	Porteous Avenue
31	Dark Street	S	Queen Street
32	Dixon Avenue	W	Duncan Avenue South
33	Dixon Avenue	E	Duncan Avenue South
34	Dixon Avenue	W	Prospect Avenue
35	Dunfield Road	S	First Street
36	Dunfield Road	N	First Street
37	Dunfield Road	S	Tower Street
38	Dunfield Road	N	Tower Street
39	Dunfield Road	N	Government Road East
40	Earl Street	N	Premier Avenue West

SCHEDULE “ A” TO BY-LAW 23-0xx
Table “B” to By-Law 15-017, as amended

Identification Number	Street	Direction of Travel	Intersection
41	Earl Street	S	Rand Avenue West
42	Earl Street	N	Rand Avenue West
43	Fifth Street	W	Allan Avenue
44	Fifth Street	E	Allan Avenue
45	Fifth Street	W	Churchill Drive
46	First Street	W	Allan Avenue
47	First Street	E	Allan Avenue
48	Fourth Street	W	Allan Avenue
49	Fourth Street	E	Allan Avenue
50	Fourth Street	W	Churchill Drive
51	Gold Avenue	E	Hays Street
52	Goldthorpe Road	S	Highway 66
53	Goodfish Road	E	Tweedsmuir Road
54	Goodfish Road	W	Duncan Avenue North
55	Government Road West	SW	Archer Drive
56	Government Road West	N	Highway 66
57	Green Avenue	S	Grierson Road
58	Grenfell Avenue	E	Hays Street
59	Grierson Road	W	Tweedsmuir Road
60	Grierson Road	E	Tweedsmuir Road
61	Grierson Road	E	Burnside Drive
62	Harding Avenue	E	Burnside Drive
63	Harding Avenue	W	Tweedsmuir Road
64	Harvey Drive	E	Airport Road
65	Highway 112	N	Highway 66
66	Hillcrest Drive	E	Tweedsmuir Road
67	Hilltop Drive	S	Government Road West
68	Hilltop Drive	S	Government Road West
69	Hudson Bay Avenue	E	Duncan Avenue South
70	Hudson Bay Avenue	W	Prospect Avenue
71	Hudson Bay Avenue	E	Prospect Avenue
72	Hudson Bay Avenue	E	Lebel Avenue
73	Hudson Bay Avenue	W	Lebel Avenue
74	Inn Street	N	Government Road West
75	King Street	E	Lebel Avenue
76	King Street	W	Woods Street
77	King Street	E	Woods Street
78	King Street	W	Main Street
79	King George Cul-de-sac	W	Dark Street
80	Kirkland Avenue	NW	Hays Street
81	Kirkland Avenue	E	Hays Street

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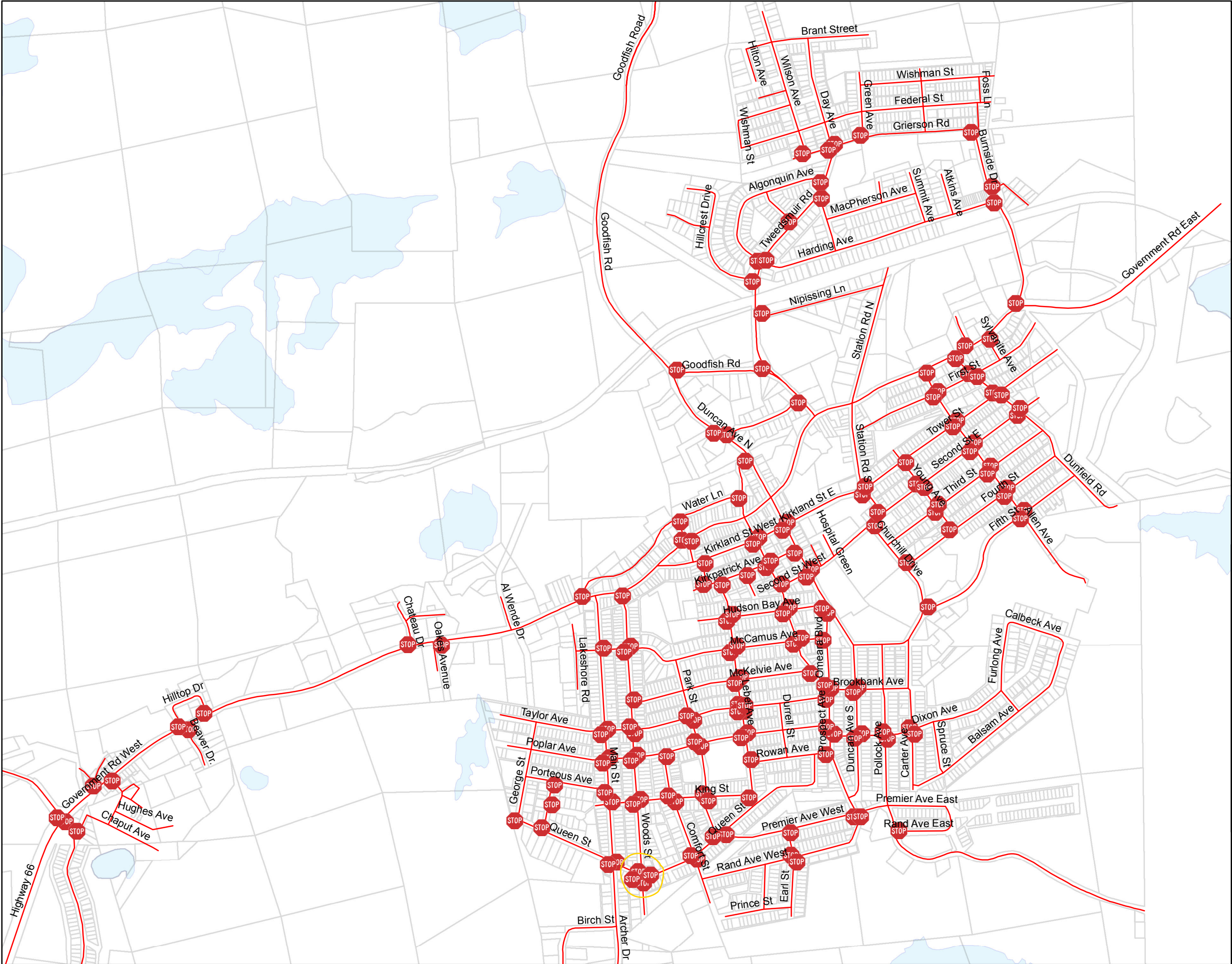
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82	Kirkland Street	E	Station Road
83	Kirkland Street	E	Duncan Avenue South
84	Kirkland Street	W	Duncan Avenue South
85	Kirkland Street West	W	Prospect Avenue
86	Kirkland Street West	E	Prospect Avenue
87	Kirkpatrick Avenue	E	Prospect Avenue
88	Kirkpatrick Avenue	W	Prospect Avenue
89	Kirkpatrick Avenue	E	Duncan Avenue South
90	Lebel Avenue	S	Taylor Avenue
91	Lebel Avenue	N	Taylor Avenue
92	Lebel Avenue	N	Government Road West
93	Lebel Avenue	N	Kirkland Street West
94	Lebel Avenue	S	Kirkpatrick Avenue
95	Lebel Avenue	N	Kirkpatrick Avenue
96	Macassa Lane	S	Government Road West
97	Market Street	S	Government Road West
98	Market Street	N	Water Lane
99	McCamus Avenue	E	O'Meara Boulevard
100	McCamus Avenue	E	Prospect Avenue
101	McCamus Avenue	W	Prospect Avenue
102	McCamus Avenue	E	Lebel Avenue
103	McCamus Avenue	W	Lebel Avenue
104	McCamus Avenue	W	Woods Street
105	McCamus Avenue	E	Woods Street
106	McCamus Avenue	W	Main Street
107	McKelvie Avenue	E	Prospect Avenue
108	McKelvie Avenue	W	Lebel Avenue
109	McKelvie Avenue	E	Lebel Avenue
110	McKelvie Avenue	W	Woods Street
111	McPhee Avenue	N	Tweedsmuir Road
112	Nipissing Lane	W	Tweedsmuir Road
113	Oakes Avenue	N	Government Road West
114	O'Meara Boulevard	N	Duncan Avenue South
115	Otto Road	N	Hays Street/ Highway 66
116	Park Street	S	Queen Street
117	Park Street	S	King Street
118	Park Street	N	King Street
119	Park Street	N	Poplar Avenue
120	Park Street	S	Poplar Avenue
121	Park Street	N	Taylor Avenue
122	Park Street	S	Taylor Avenue

SCHEDULE “ A” TO BY-LAW 23-0xx
Table “B” to By-Law 15-017, as amended

Identification Number	Street	Direction of Travel	Intersection
123	Pinetree Road	S	Airport Road
124	Pollock Avenue	S	Dixon Avenue
125	Pollock Avenue	N	Dixon Avenue
126	Poplar Avenue	E	Prospect Avenue
127	Poplar Avenue	W	Lebel Avenue
128	Poplar Avenue	E	Lebel Avenue
129	Poplar Avenue	W	Woods Street
130	Poplar Avenue	E	Woods Street
131	Poplar Avenue	W	Main Street
132	Poplar Avenue	E	Main Street
133	Porteous Avenue	E	Main Street
134	Premier Avenue West	E	Prospect Avenue
135	Premier Avenue West	NW	Queen Street
136	Prospect Avenue	NE	Duncan Avenue
137	Prospect Avenue	S	O'Meara Boulevard
138	Queen Street	E	George Street
139	Queen Street	W	Main Street
140	Queen Street	E	Main Street
141	Queen Street	W	Woods Street
142	Queen Street	E	Woods Street
143	Rand Avenue East	W	Pollock Avenue
144	Rand Avenue West	N	Premier Avenue
145	Riverside Drive	SE	Hays Street
146	Rowan Avenue	E	Prospect Avenue
147	Rowan Avenue	W	Lebel Avenue
148	Second Street	E	Dunfield Road
149	Second Street	W	Dunfield Road
150	Second Street	W	Allan Avenue
151	Second Street	E	Allan Avenue
152	Second Street	W	Duncan Avenue South
153	Second Street	E	Duncan Avenue South
154	Second Street	W	Prospect Avenue
155	Station Road	S	Second Street
156	Summerhayes Avenue	E	Duncan Avenue North
157	Swastika Avenue	S	Hays Street/ Highway 66
158	Sylvanite Avenue	S	Government Road East
159	Sylvanite Avenue	N	Government Road East
160	Taylor Avenue	E	Prospect Avenue
161	Taylor Avenue	W	Main Street
162	Taylor Avenue	E	Main Street
163	Taylor Avenue	E	Lebel Avenue





SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW 23-0xx
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Identification Number	Street	Direction of Travel	Intersection
164	Taylor Avenue	W	Lebel Avenue
165	Teck Avenue	N	Kirkpatrick Avenue
166	Third Street	W	Allan Avenue
167	Third Street	E	Allan Avenue
168	Third Street	E	Young Avenue
169	Third Street	W	Young Avenue
170	Tower Street	W	Allan Avenue
171	Tower Street	E	Allan Avenue
172	Tower Street	W	Station Road
173	Water Lane	S	Government Road West
174	Water Lane	E	Prospect Avenue
175	Wilson Avenue	S	Greierson Road
176	Woods Street	N	Queen Street
177	Woods Street	S	Queen Street
178	Woods Street	N	Taylor Avenue
179	Woods Street	S	Taylor Avenue
180	Woods Street	N	Government Road West
181	Wright Hargreaves Avenue	E	Tweedsmuir Road
182	Wright Hargreaves Avenue	W	Duncan Avenue North
183	Young Avenue	N	Tower Street
184	Young Avenue	S	Second Street
185	Young Avenue	N	Second Street
186	Young Avenue	S	Fourth Street



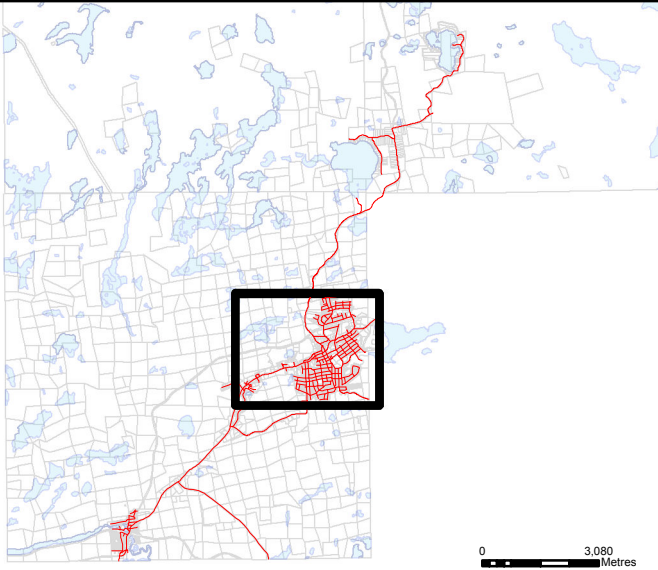
Schedule B-3 Stop Signs at Intersections

Legend

-  Stop
-  Roads
-  Parcels
-  Lakes



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By-Law 15-017

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Cc: [Tricia Stefanic-Weltz](#)
Subject: NCDSB Submission: Report No. 2023-PW-009
Date: September 14, 2023 5:17:51 PM
Attachments: [KL Council Proposed Remediation.pdf](#)

Hello,

Please find attached a written submission in support of the proposed installation of a 4-way stop, modification to traffic calming signals at existing Pedestrian Crosswalk and reinstatement of sidewalk at the intersection Queen Street and Woods Street.

I had hoped to be in attendance at the Public Meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 but my schedule has changed. I am supervising Grade 6 students at a remote camp without stable internet or phone service.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Tricia Stefanic Weltz
Director of Education
Northeastern Catholic District School Board
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September 14, 2023

Town of Kirkland Lake
c/o Jennifer Montreuil
Municipal Clerk

RE: Report No. 2023-PW-009
Proposed Remediation: 4-Way Stop at Queen Street and Woods Street

Dear Council,

Please accept this correspondence from the Northeastern Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) in support of the proposed remediation to install a 4-Way stop at Queen Street and Woods Street, modify traffic calming signals at existing Pedestrian Crosswalk and reinstatement of sidewalk at the same intersection.

As you may be aware, the NCDSB provides high-quality English Catholic education to students of St. Jerome School, located at 128 Woods Street in Kirkland Lake. St. Jerome School is a primary division school, offering programs from Kindergarten to Grade 3. The age-range of our students at St. Jerome School is 4 to 9 years old.

Student safety is a priority for the NCDSB, and given the location of St. Jerome School we have ongoing concerns about student pedestrian safety in the immediate school community. Vehicular congestion and driver non-compliance of speed limits and traffic rules are also significant issues. We are actively trying to improve our student drop-off and pick-up procedures to ensure maximum security of our students, but we are constantly challenged by the lack of sidewalks on Woods Street and the design of the municipal roads in the St. Jerome School neighbourhood. We firmly believe that a 4-way stop will help to reduce car speed in the school zone, provide proper pedestrian access to sidewalks, and better protect the safety of St. Jerome School students and their families.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed remediation. We appreciate your partnership in helping to improve the safety and well-being of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tricia Weltz".

Tricia Stefanic Weltz
Director of Education