

## New Pedestrian Crosswalk Lights

The City recently installed a new type of solar crosswalk beacons or lights along Despard Avenue at Springwood Elementary School. We plan to use the lights on a three month trial period and also test in other locations once school finishes later this month.

The technology, known as a rapid flashing beacon, allows people crossing to activate high-intensity amber beacon lights with a push-button. The light enhances safety by increasing the awareness of people driving or cycling that someone is crossing the street.

Rapid flashing lights are typically installed at locations where there is a high volume of pedestrians crossing, where a pedestrian signal is beneficial and where drivers seldom stop to let pedestrians cross. The new lights on Despard are similar to those already installed by the City at Martindale Road or on McMillan Street at Harrison Avenue but with a faster strobing pattern shown to catch the attention of drivers.

We are interested in receiving comments from residents about the flashing beacon crosswalks. If you would like to comment, please post to the City's Facebook page <http://facebook.com/cityparksville> or by email to [info@parksville.ca](mailto:info@parksville.ca). We look forward to testing the product further and receiving input from our residents prior to the end of the trial period and a decision about the product.

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