COUNTY OF RENFREW

BY-LAW NUMBER 56-10

A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH A PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS POLICY FOR THE MUNICIPAL ROAD SYSTEM WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF RENFREW

WHEREAS authority is given to the County of Renfrew, hereinafter referred to as the Corporation, being a municipality authorized by Section 11(3) of the Municipal Act 2001 to pass by-laws regarding highways under the jurisdiction of the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation desires to implement a policy regarding Pedestrian Crossings on County Roads within the jurisdiction of the Corporation.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Public Works & Engineering Department Policy PW-14 Pedestrian Crossings on County Roads, as outlined in Schedule “A” attached to and made part of this By-law, shall form part of the Public Works & Engineering Department Policies and Procedures of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew.

2. That this By-law shall not be interpreted to contradict or violate any statute or regulation of the Province of Ontario.

3. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the passing thereof.

READ a first time this 26th day of May, 2010.

READ a second time this 26th day of May, 2010.

READ a third time and finally passed this 26th day of May, 2010.

DONALD RATHWELL, WARDEN W. JAMES HUTTON, CLERK
POLICY STATEMENT

The County of Renfrew as a road authority, has a need to ensure that any Pedestrian Crossing on a County Road is consistent with the Department’s primary objective of providing and maintaining a safe road system.

BACKGROUND

The County of Renfrew, as the road authority having jurisdiction over County Roads, may make and enforce by-laws and policies pertaining to those items that may be placed within the road allowance.

1. The Municipal Act, 2001 in Section 11 permits a municipality to pass by-laws pertaining to the public assets of the Municipality for the purpose of exercising its authority under the Act, and to pass by-laws pertaining to highways.

2. The Municipal Act, 2001 in Section 55 indicates that where a sidewalk is located on a highway that falls under the jurisdiction of an upper-tier municipality, the responsibility for the construction and maintenance of the sidewalk shall be the responsibility of the lower-tier municipality.

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy the following definitions shall apply:

“highway” has the same meaning as provided in the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 1 and pertains only to those highways that fall under the control and jurisdiction of the County of Renfrew.

“Pedestrian Crossing” means that portion of a County Road, designated by by-law of the County of Renfrew, at an intersection or elsewhere, distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by signs and signals on the highway and lines or other markings on the surface of the roadway.

“road allowance” means the land occupied by the highway.
PROCEDURES

The County of Renfrew may permit the installation of Pedestrian Crossings on County Roads, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Requests for the installation of the Pedestrian Crossings shall be submitted by the local municipality in which the pedestrian crossing is requested. The request shall be accompanied by a resolution passed by the local municipal Council supporting the request.

2. Upon receipt of a request from a local municipality for the installation of a Pedestrian Crossing, the County of Renfrew will review the location to determine its suitability for a Pedestrian Crossing.

3. The County of Renfrew will conduct a 12 hour vehicle and pedestrian volume traffic count to determine the volume and nature of the traffic at the location of the proposed Pedestrian Crossing. The County of Renfrew will analyse the data collected from the traffic count to determine whether or not the vehicle and pedestrian volumes satisfy the minimum warrants established for the installation of a Pedestrian Crossing.

4. All Pedestrian Crossings shall include pedestrian activated traffic signals complete with audible signals to assist the visually impaired.

5. The local municipality requesting the Pedestrian Crossing shall be responsible for all costs associated with the initial installation of the Pedestrian Crossing as well as the replacement of the Pedestrian Crossing. The local municipality will be required to submit a resolution of the local municipal Council agreeing to pay the costs of the installation and replacement.

6. The County of Renfrew shall include the installation of Pedestrian Crossings at all intersections where new Traffic Signals are to be installed. The cost of the Pedestrian Crossing features at these locations shall be borne by the County of Renfrew.

7. The County of Renfrew shall be responsible for the costs associated with the annual operation and maintenance of the Pedestrian Crossing.

APPROVALS

The installation of new Pedestrian Crossings on County Roads shall be approved by the appropriate Committee of County Council and authorized by the passing of a by-law by County Council.