



January 20, 2023

Charlene McKay, Board Chair  
Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools  
Board of Education  
395 Wakesiah Avenue  
Nanaimo BC V9R 3K6

Reference: 313454

Dear Chair McKay:

**Re: Crosswalk Safety**

Thank you for your letter of October 19, 2022, regarding the Board of Education's concerns about crosswalk conditions in Cedar and South Wellington.

Safety is the ministry's highest priority, and we work hard to provide safe crossings for pedestrians throughout our transportation network. You may be aware that the ministry's local contractors have completed repainting all the crosswalks at the intersection of Woobank and Hemer roads, as well as Woobank and Morland roads near the Snuneymuxw Learning Academy. They also repainted the stop bar line at the intersection of Gould and Cedar roads.

Local ministry staff completed a review of crosswalks throughout Cedar, and they confirm that the crossings at the following locations will be included in the maintenance contractor's plan for repainting in 2023:

- Cedar Road and Furn Road;
- Cedar Road and Woobank Road;
- Cedar Road and Yellow Point Road;
- Cedar Road and Gould Road West; and
- Gould Road West at Cedar Elementary School.

Further, ministry staff identified the following additional locations for repainting in 2023:

- the crosswalk at Macmillan Road and Walsh Road;
- the crosswalk at Macmillan Road and Holden Corso Road;
- all crosswalks at Morden Road and South Wellington Road; and
- the stop bar at Cedar Road and Furn Road.

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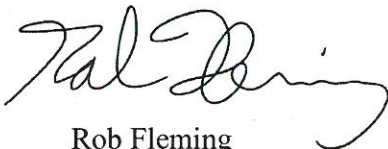
As part of their review, local ministry staff also adjusted the school zone signage on Gould Road West, and our local maintenance contractors ensured the signage for the school zone is clean and visible to motorists.

I understand local ministry staff are currently reviewing the crosswalk at the intersection of Cedar Road and Gould Road to determine if potential safety upgrades are warranted. Please do not hesitate to contact local Operations Manager Nikki Schneider if you have any questions regarding the progress of this work or regarding crosswalk conditions in Cedar and South Wellington. She can be reached at 778 974-2633 or [Nikki.Schneider@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nikki.Schneider@gov.bc.ca) and would be pleased to assist you.

Making cycling and walking safer and more convenient for everyone is an important part of our commitment to helping more people choose active transportation. Our goal is to increase the share of trips made by walking, cycling and transit to 30 per cent by 2030. The province's [active transportation strategy](#) includes support for Vision Zero, an international project that aims to reduce the number of serious injuries and fatalities on the road to zero. Expanding cycling and pedestrian infrastructure, boosting enforcement of road safety laws and delivering safety education programs are just some of the ways the provincial and local governments are working together to make active transportation safer for people across the province.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Fleming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rob" being more prominent than the last name "Fleming".

Rob Fleming  
Minister

Copy to: Nikki Schneider, Operations Manager  
Vancouver Island District