

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

Yukon Legislative Assembly
LR-35-1-10
October 21, 2021

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Mr. Clarke, Minister of Highways and Public Works

- 1. On May 25, 2021, Patti McLeod, Member for Watson Lake
 - asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) [page numbers] of *Hansard*
 - submitted the following written question – WQ No. 7
 - gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. #

RE: Regarding the commitment to introduce pedestrian-activated crosswalk in Watson Lake

OR

- 2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with [MLA] on [date] related to:
 - Bill No. # Second Reading Third Reading
 - Committee of the Whole: [Vote]
 - Motion No. # RE: [subject]
 - at page(s) [page numbers] of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

- (1) When will the Department of Highways and Public Works begin consulting with the Town of Watson Lake to plan for the pedestrian-activated crosswalks; and

The Department of Highways and Public Works makes decisions on pedestrian safety based on a number of factors including the criteria outlined in the Yukon Street Lighting Guidelines. Some of the considering factors are traffic volume, roadway complexity, pedestrian volume and collision history.

The department assessed the need for the pedestrian-activated crosswalks this summer. Based on engineering standards no new pedestrian lights are required at this time.

The department also met with ATCO as part of a review on Watson Lake’s overall lighting infrastructure. The department will be working with ATCO to further enhance street lighting on the Alaska Highway.

The department also repainted the Watson Lake crosswalks to ensure they were clearly visible to motorists.


Highways and Public Works will be engaging with the Town of Watson Lake this fall to discuss this work and hear any other concerns they may have.

- (2) Will the crosswalks be included in the fall supplemental budget or the 2022-23 main estimates?

Highways and Public Works prioritizes work based on safety considerations, traffic volumes and budgetary constraints.

The department will continue to maintain the highway infrastructure to the current standard.

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Date


Signature