

Traffic signals coming to new neighbourhoods



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This year has tested our resilience in so many ways. It has been full of many concerns, ranging from mitigating the spread of COVID-19 to adjusting to new experiences at work and school.

Despite the many matters we have on our minds, I want to assure you that I continue to hear your concerns about road safety, and I share them. Ensuring that everyone is safe on our streets is a priority, and I will continue to actively address the issues.

Some of our newer communities are still growing and there is a need for traffic lights at high-volume intersections or intersections currently under construction.

In keeping with this priority, I am pleased to share that the City of Winnipeg, through developer funds, has installed two new traffic signals in our ward to improve traffic management efficiency and safety, specifically with left-turn movements on high-speed roadways.

As part of the Aurora subdivision, traffic signals have been installed at the intersections of McPhillips Street and Murray Avenue and McPhillips Street and North Point Boulevard. There are advanced warning flashers installed on McPhillips Street for each light, intended to heighten awareness of the new northbound and southbound traffic signals, as this is a high-speed roadway and they will be the first signals drivers encounter as they come into the city.

Pedestrian crosswalks, equipped with audible pedestrian signals and countdown signals, will be put in at the intersections as well. The lights will become operational in



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Old Kildonan city councillor Devi Sharma poses in front of newly installed traffic signals in the Aurora subdivision.

the near future, once Manitoba Hydro has energized these locations. Until then, we have the opportunity to become familiar with their placement at these intersections.

Additionally, storage lanes and left-turn signals will be coming to the McPhillips Street and Templeton Avenue south intersection in 2021. The City will also conduct a vehicle-turning-movement count at McPhillips Street and Templeton Avenue.

We are trying to be as proactive as we can with traffic light and pedestrian crosswalk installations at intersections. Timely installations in new developments are more

efficient rather than addressing these traffic issues later. However, it still often takes time to address road concerns. I appreciate all your advocacy and communications about the needs in your neighbourhoods.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or ideas about pedestrian safety or any other issue, you can reach me by email at devi@winnipeg.ca or phone at 204-986-5264.

I wish you continued well-being during this time.

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