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## Beausejour approves crosswalk signals

*Move follows popular 2021 installation near École Beausejour Early Years School*

By Tony Zerucha

The Town of Beausejour is adding four more crosswalk signal systems after council approved the expenditures last week.

The move follows the successful installation of a system on James Avenue near École Beausejour Early Years School last summer.

In a report from director of operations Brendan Mazurik, \$30,000 was included in the 2022 budget for the purchase of crosswalk signal systems, with either three or four being bought depending on the final costs. After bids were received, Mazurik learned four systems could fit within the \$30,000.

The three initial locations Mazurik proposed are Third and Fifth Streets South at the Rail Trail Crossings and Park Avenue at Fourth Street. A fourth system at First Street South at the Rail Trail Crossing has already been installed. Park Avenue at Third Street North was also considered.

Prior to the installation of the crosswalk near the elementary school last year, there were two signal-controlled crosswalks within town limits along with six marked crosswalks. Many more unmarked crosswalks exist, Mazurik wrote in a 2021 report. The signal-controlled crosswalks are effective.

"Since its installation on James Avenue near the (École) Beausejour Early Years School, it has been very well received by the community and used by many students," Mazurik said.

Mazurik added some specifications when publicizing the tender. The units must be approved for use in the Province of Manitoba and be Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices Canada-compliant. They need to handle approximately 100 activations per day. Delivery must occur within eight weeks, meaning they could be in place for the start of the next school year.

In total, seven proposals were received with Airmaster Signs winning the work with a bid of \$26,475.31 including PST.



## Volunteers Recognized

Photo submitted

Dugald Estates volunteers were thanked with a happy hour to celebrate a successful effort in raising over \$2,000 for the Dugald Place Assisted Living Residence project. Volunteers spent many hours over the past summer picking up garbage and debris from the nearby housing construction sites. Their work was rewarded with a cheque from Ventura Land Company Inc. Volunteers included Joe Gerstmar (back left), Ken Mitchell, Jim Ross, Tim Dow, Cliff Thompson, Adam Zarazun, Murray Gillespie and Jim Whyte along with Cindy Mitchell (front left) and Bev Zarazun. Absent are Bill Reynolds, Ray Johnson, Keith McLeod. Thanks also to the Tamara Cherepak Thomson family for their help.

## COVID-19 outbreak at East Gate Lodge

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's (IERHA) medical officer of health confirmed Aug. 2 that an outbreak of COVID-19 is occurring in the Crocus Unit at East Gate Lodge Personal Care Home in Beausejour.

This means there is confirmation of at least two cases of COVID-19 involving residents who are not roommates, do not share a bathroom or are not

tablemates and have acquired healthcare associated infections (HAI) on a unit within 10 days of each other.

All residents and family members of residents as appropriate, as well as staff who work in the personal care home, have been advised of the outbreak. All staff are undertaking appropriate infection prevention and control measures prior to entering and leaving resident rooms.

General visitation is suspended and outbreak protocols are in place on the Crocus Unit. Shamrock and Rose Units are not currently experiencing outbreaks and outbreak protocols are not in place in these units at this time. However, if a resident should become symptomatic in another unit, outbreak protocols will be

expanded to other units as needed.

Staff have implemented in-room dining for Crocus Unit residents and have provided overbed tables for snack and meal time experiences. Residents who have not tested positive, who are not close contacts and who are not symptomatic are able to move freely within the wing. Designated

recreation staff on the unit will provide one-on-one engagement with residents and residents are encouraged to walk within the unit. Where tolerated, residents will wear masks and perform frequent hand hygiene.

Individuals with questions or concerns can call 204-268-7401 for more information.

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