



Subject: *Crosswalk - Highway 2, Milford Recreation Association Site*
To: Executive Committee
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Related Motions: C25(77)
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Summary

In February 2025, Council requested that Staff explore options for a formalized crosswalk which provides safe access to the Milford Recreation Association (MRA) from the existing asphalt sidewalk in Milford. An existing crossing exists in the area, however, it is only marked by crossing signs and does not meet current design standards pertaining to accessibility.

Two options were investigated for a crosswalk along Highway 2: Option 'A' at the intersection of Hunter Road, and Option 'B' at the current location near the MRA driveway.

Financial Impact Statement

\$120,000, source of funding to be determined during future capital budget reviews.

Recommendation

It is recommended that a project be added to the next Capital Budget as an option for debate, that would invest in adding to the current crossing location, listed as Option B in this report.

Recommended Motion

Move that the Infrastructure & Operations Committee recommend that Council request that a new capital project for enhancing the existing crosswalk area in Milford near the Milford Recreation Association facility, listed as Option B in this report titled "Crosswalk - Highway 2, to Milford Recreation Association site" July 2025, be added to the next municipal Capital Budget, with costing and recommended sources of funding, to be considered for future approval.

Background

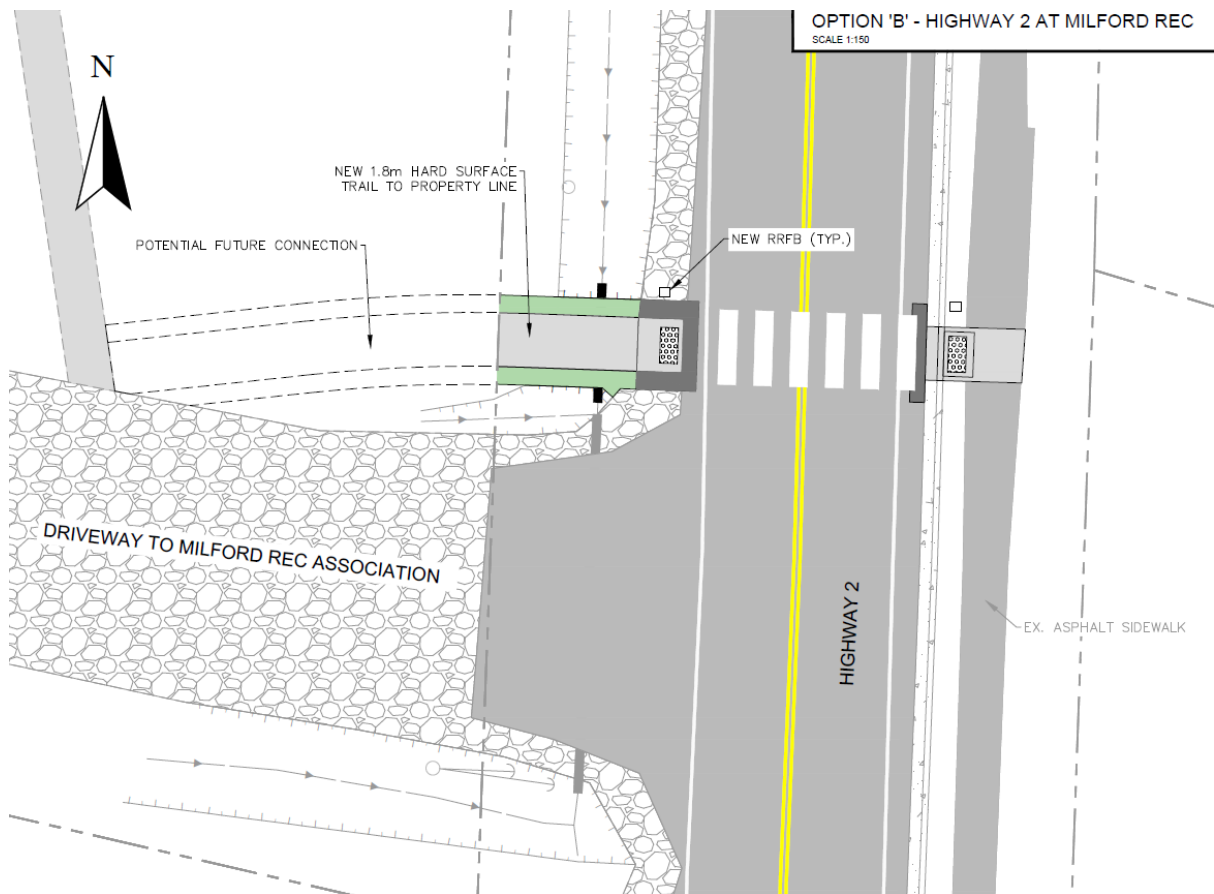
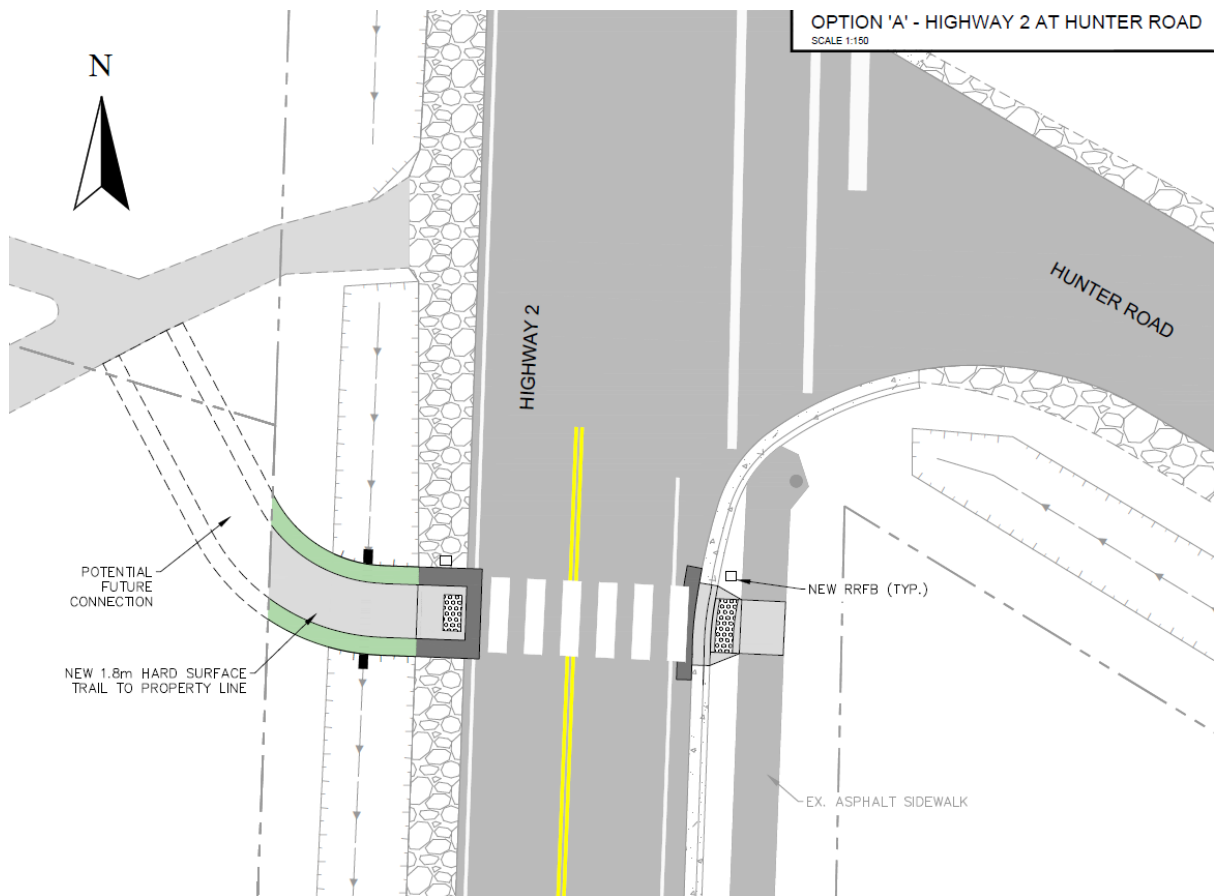
Per Council Motion C25(77), staff were directed to investigate different options and develop costing for a permanent crosswalk installation along Highway 2 in Milford. An unofficial crossing area was installed in the past by Nova Scotia Department of Public Works (NSDPW); however, signs have been removed and replaced over time and the facility lacks infrastructure required to be deemed an accessible crosswalk.

Visual of Current Site



Proposed Crosswalk Options

Staff developed two concepts for a crosswalk along Highway 2: Option 'A' at the intersection of Hunter Road, and Option 'B' at the current location near the MRA driveway. Both solutions have a similar scope of work which include rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB), concrete landing pads, thermoplastic zebra pavement markings, and a short section of crushed gravel trail to interconnect the crosswalk facility with the existing trail system.



Discussion

In Spring 2025, Staff met with the Area Manager of NSDPW to present the crosswalk options and share the visual concepts. Comments from this discussion, as well as from the public and the area's Councilor were received during the consultation process. It was determined that Option 'B' was preferred due to its proximity to the MRA, and it mitigated potential safety concerns regarding left-turning movements from Hunter Road.

The expected cost to design and construct this crosswalk is considerably less than the Enfield Highway 2 Crosswalk project due to the reduced scope. The table below identifies the probable costs to design and construct Option 'B' in the 2026/2027 fiscal year:

ITEM	COST (OPTION 'B')
ENGINEERING	\$10,000.00
CONSTRUCTION	\$90,000.00
CONTINGENCY	\$20,000.00
SUBTOTAL	\$120,000.00
<i>NOTE: THIS IS A STATEMENT OF PROBABLE COSTS BASED ON CONCEPTUAL INFORMATION, AND THEREFORE SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS COMPLETELY ACCURATE</i>	

Alternatives

Do not proceed with project

This will result in no crosswalk project enhancement being brought forward during the next capital budget.