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RE: Citizen Input - 2019 Budget - Town of Fort Frances

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ENSURING A SAFER & GREENER FUTURE

Town of Fort Frances

Although our town was designated by WHO a “Safe Community,” and it received the provincial award “Age-Friendly Community,” I believe there is still plenty of work to be done.

ISSUES & BUDGET SUGGESTIONS

1) Need for improved pedestrian sidewalks and highway crossings

SUGGESTIONS re Pedestrian Safety:

- i) “Countdown” pedestrian lights at Central Ave. and 2nd St. & at Keating Ave and Highway 11 & 71
- ii) Continuous sidewalk along the north part of #11 & 71 West near the Husky station
- iii) Extend sidewalk north along Keating Ave. for increased student numbers that will be attending the new Separate School on Flinder’s Ave.
- iv) More crosswalks with proper signage and lights – Timi’s , Legion, etc.
- v) Chain-link safety fencing along north edge of Legion Park

2) **TREES for the FUTURE**

- i) Establish a budget for annual tree planting to increase the town's "Green Canopy" along streets, boulevards and parks
- ii) Replace every dead/removed tree with a "wicketed" new one
- iii) Keep existing trees healthy by protecting them from vehicular traffic (using cabling, cribs, etc.)
- iv) Provide guidance to home owners re importance of tree planting and encourage such on private property