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Comrade Ray Watson
PRESIDENT

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To Mayor and Council Town of Fort Frances

Regarding the cross walk between the Municipal parking lot and the Fort Frances Legion Branch 29.

We feel that since this cross walk is being used by seniors, as well as other citizens, some of whom use canes, wheel chairs and walkers crossing from the parking lot to access the Legion and Scott Street. It needs to be upgraded and made more visible to vehicular traffic to ensure their safety.

There have been many incidents witnessed by both members, staff of the Legion and private citizens of persons almost being hit by a vehicle that did not see the sign hanging over the cross walk. Safety has become an issue since the road was repaved and the cross walk symbols and hash marks were not repainted on the road and the sign is no longer illuminated.

The cross walk needs to be made more visible and removing parking spots as suggested in the email (dated September 13, 2017) from your administration is not the answer. Safety for the citizens of Fort Frances should be the primary concern of the town administration, not what the Ontario Traffic Manual-Pedestrian Crossing minimum requirements says. When, not if, someone gets injured while crossing from the Municipal parking lot, it will be too late to address this issue.

Sincerely,

Ray Watson,
President Fort Frances Royal Canadian Legion Branch 29