

TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE – 2015

The City is planning to continue the work it has been undertaking with School staff and representatives from Parent Advisory Committees (PACs) to address the issue of improved safety in School and adjacent Playground Zones since 2013.

In 2013 and 2014 the City installed temporary measures such as speed humps, additional and some raised crosswalks, radar speed reader signage and road narrowing at Parkway, Wiltse and Carmi Schools to investigate their effectiveness in discouraging high speeds and dangerous manoeuvres. Recent speed surveys and follow up discussions with School staff and PAC representatives have established that these have indeed been effective and the City is now moving ahead with plans to make these measures permanent. Traffic calming measures will also be installed at Uplands and, subject to funding, also at Queens Park Schools

Plans are included below providing details of the proposed works at each school:

The main change at Parkway, Wiltse and Carmi Schools is to remove the delineators and replace them with a permanent concrete curb line. The road lane width has also been further reduced in width by 0.3m (12 inches) each way. In some cases the replacement of the delineators with concrete curb, which takes up more room than delineators, has caused us to extend the road narrowing across driveways and we note that a driveway let down will be incorporated in the curb line to maintain driveway access.

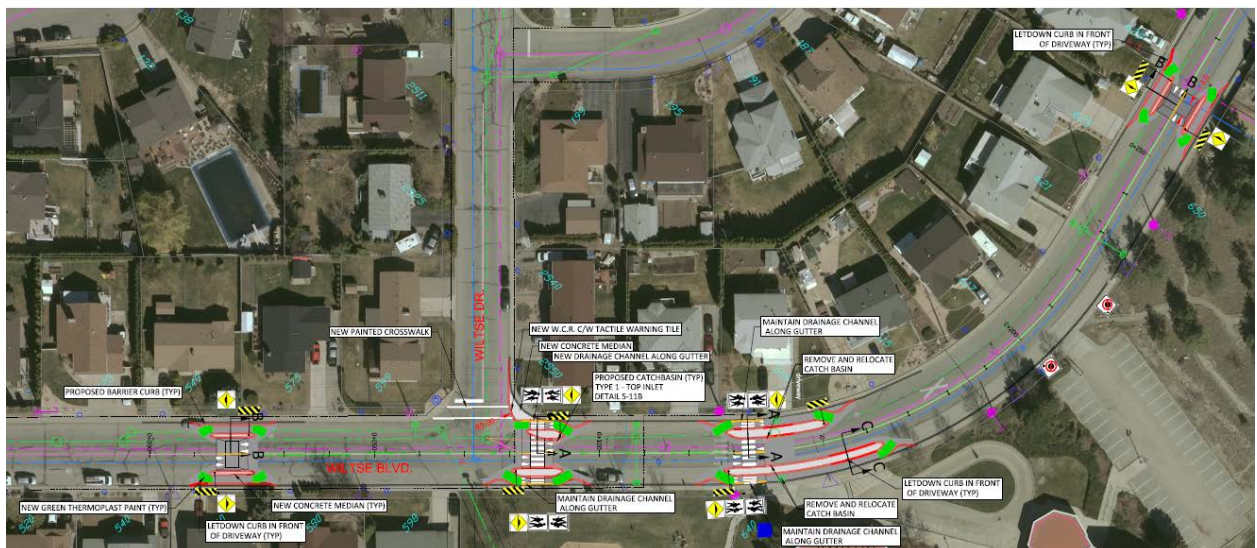
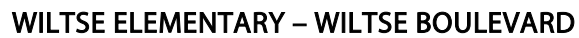
Another change that will be incorporated at Parkway, Wiltse and Queens Park Schools as a result of the switch from delineators to concrete curb is the need to accommodate cyclists who otherwise would have to travel within the reduced road width; the new curb line will incorporate an entry point from the road, cycle path and exit point back to the road behind the curb at sidewalk level. Additional signage will be provided to address the crossing of pedestrians and cyclists at the crosswalk.

The works for Wiltse School on Balsam Avenue will be phased; the road narrowings at the steeper east part of the zone will be constructed this year concurrently with other traffic calming measures throughout the City. The speed hump and delineators at the start of the hill will be left in their current form pending completion of the pathway connection that is planned between Balsam Avenue and Pineview Avenue. At that time the speed hump will be converted to a raised crosswalk and sidewalks will be added to connect the crosswalk with the Pineview pathway link on the south side and the existing sidewalk adjacent to the school playing field on the north side.

The works for Queens Park School on Power Street had not been included in the budget for work in 2015 and therefore will only proceed if sufficient funds are available after completion of work at the other schools. Any work not completed in 2015 will be included in budget proposals for 2016.

Finally we note that, subject to Council approval to proceed to construction, the works are scheduled to be undertaken in the current school break in order that they will be completed in time for the start of the new school year at the end of August 2015.

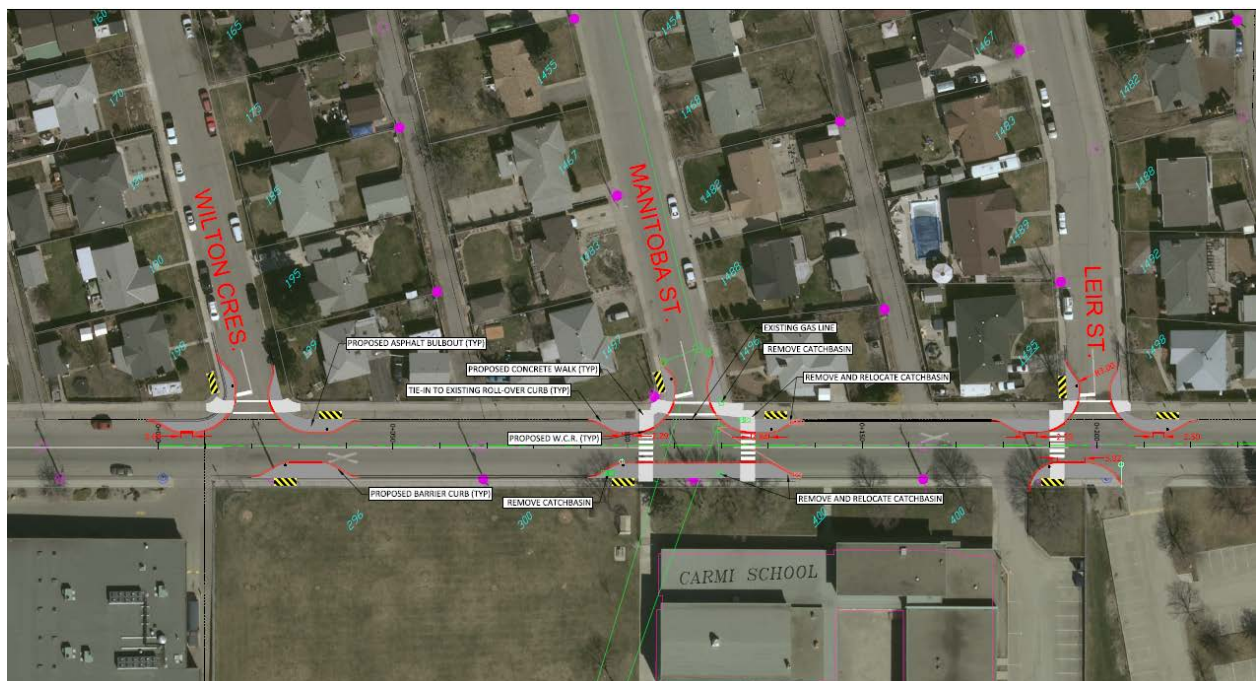
PARKWAY SCHOOL – KINNEY AVENUE



WILTSE ELEMENTARY – BALSAM AVENUE



CARMI ELEMENTARY – CARMI AVENUE



UPLANDS ELEMENTARY – MIDDLE BENCH ROAD



QUEENS PARK SCHOOL – POWER STREET

