

CITY OF SASKATOON COUNCIL POLICY

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POLICY TITLE <i>Decorative Crosswalks Policy</i>	ADOPTED BY: <i>City Council</i>	EFFECTIVE DATE <i>March 26, 2018</i>
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1. PURPOSE

To support and facilitate the installation of decorative crosswalks as a means to showcase art that will transform city spaces, express community values, enhance the environment and engage residents, businesses, and visitors.

2. POLICY

The City shall have the authority to issue a permit for decorative crosswalks in accordance with the objectives and criteria set out in this policy.

2.1 Application Submission and Approval Process

- a) All requests must be submitted in writing to the Transportation Division using a standard application form.
- b) The applicant should be a Business Improvement District (or have the support of a Business Improvement District), or other community-based entity.
- c) The Transportation Division will review the application to ensure all documentation is complete and acceptable.
- d) Once the applicant has agreed to the installation and maintenance conditions, a letter of approval will be issued.
- e) The letter of approval, once issued, will be valid until the end of the calendar year. Applicants must reapply each calendar year.

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2.2 Permitted Locations

- a) The primary consideration in approving a decorative crosswalk will be the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Where safety may be negatively impacted, a decorative crosswalk will be denied or removed.
- b) Decorative crosswalks must be within the boundaries of the Business Improvement Districts.
- c) Decorative crosswalks are not permitted across high volume traffic streets as determined by the General Manager, Transportation and Utilities Department.
- d) Decorative crosswalks may be located across low traffic streets and streets which may be located immediately parallel to high volume traffic streets.
- e) Decorative crosswalks may be located where traffic is required to stop because of a stop sign or traffic signal.
- f) Proposed locations must be free of potholes, fatigue cracking and loose debris and be in satisfactory condition.

2.3 Design Guidelines

- a) Artwork must not contain colors or shapes which may be distracting to drivers or be confused as traffic control devices.
- b) Artwork must not include logos, text or any form of advertising and may not be used to promote commercial enterprise.
- c) The design must not promote children's activities such as a hopscotch or checker-board design.
- d) Artwork must be approved by the General Manager, Transportation and Utilities Department.

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2.4 Installation and Maintenance

Roads are subject to maintenance and repaving at any time. The City will not restore a decorative crosswalk when roadwork is required and will not reimburse the applicant for any costs associated with installing or maintaining the crosswalk for any reason.

a) Crosswalk Specifications

- i) Artwork must be contained within the two white standard crosswalk transverse (horizontal) lines to be compliant with minimum crosswalk standards. Decorative painting will not be approved at zebra crosswalks.
- ii) The art must stop 1.0 metre away from the edge of curb. It is not allowed to continue onto the curbs or sidewalks.
- iii) Art is not allowed on manhole covers. Manhole covers must remain in place at all times.

b) Materials and Installation

- i) Street grade paint must provide a non-slip surface for pedestrians and be non-reflective.
- ii) Materials used must be approved by the Transportation Division.
- iii) Installation may proceed only after the Transportation Division has completed the annual restriping of the standard crosswalk pavement markings.
- iv) The crosswalk must be swept by hand immediately prior to installation.
- v) If the decorative crosswalk is maintained after installation, traffic accommodation services and a right-of-way use permit must be obtained in each occasion.

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2.5 Costs

- a) The applicant must pay all costs associated with installation and maintenance of the decorative crosswalk.
- b) The Transportation Division will provide traffic accommodation service with those costs being paid by the applicant. Costs will vary depending on the intersection, traffic volumes, work duration, etc. Traffic accommodation costs will be discussed with the applicant as part of the application review process and must be paid prior to installation.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1 The General Manager, Transportation and Utilities Department shall be responsible for administering and recommending updates to this policy.
- 4.1 City Council shall be responsible for approving any updates to this policy and may initiate changes as they see fit.