

DARYL KRAMP, MP Prince Edward-Hastings

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MP KRAMP ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDING FOR RAILWAY CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS IN PRINCE EDWARD-HASTINGS

Belleville, ON — Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings, announced today that the Government of Canada is providing up to \$121,200 in new funding to improve safety at 25 railway crossings in Prince Edward-Hastings.

“Our Government is increasing its commitment to rail safety,” said Mr. Kramp. “While Canada has one of the safest rail systems in the world, improvements can still be made. This additional funding will go a long way toward enhancing safety and helping to save lives.”

This year, the Government of Canada is providing almost \$14 million in new funding for the Grade Crossing Improvement Program (GCIP). The GCIP supports projects to upgrade railway crossings and improve safety where road and track meet.

Transport Canada works closely with railway companies and communities to identify grade crossings that require safety improvements. Through the GCIP, eligible railway crossings are upgraded, relocated or closed, based on factors such as traffic volume and accident history. Improvements may include installing flashing lights and gates, linking crossing signals to nearby traffic lights, or adding new circuits or timing devices. Transport Canada finances up to 80 per cent of the total cost of grade crossing improvements, with the balance provided by the railways and road authorities.

The following railway crossings in Prince Edward-Hastings will be receiving funding to replace incandescent lights with LED lighting:

- McCullough Street – Belleville
- Marysville Road– Belleville
- Blessington Road – Belleville
- Whalen Road - Belleville
- Melrose Road - Belleville
- Lazier Road - Belleville
- Hinchey Road - Belleville
- Shannonville Road - Belleville
- Mitchell Road - Belleville

- Elmwood Drive - Belleville
- Dundas Street East - Belleville
- Herchimer Avenue - Belleville
- Foster Avenue - Belleville
- Newberry St. - Belleville
- George Street - Belleville
- Church Street - Belleville
- Pinnacle Street - Belleville
- Front Street - Belleville
- Water Street - Belleville
- Sidney Street - Belleville
- Wilkie Street - Belleville
- Champagne Drive - Belleville
- Deseronto Road - Deseronto
- Wyman's Road - Marysville
- Shannonville Road – Shannonville

The Government of Canada also supports other initiatives to improve safety at railway crossings. For example, Operation Lifesaver is a national public education program to reduce the needless loss of life, injuries and damages caused by highway-railway crossing collisions and train-pedestrian incidents. This program is supported jointly by Transport Canada and the Railway Association of Canada.