

Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS) are installed at the intersections of Church Street and Victoria Street in Alliston and Queen Street North and Mill Street in Tottenham.

The APS are equipped with a constant locator tone to assist the visually impaired with locating the push buttons. Once activated, the APS units provide a specific audible signal indicating when it is safe to cross and in which direction.

Tips on operating the APS at each location:

- Each push button must be held for at least 3 seconds in order to activate the audible crossing tones in each direction (otherwise, only the standard pedestrian signals is activated)
- Only a gently pressure is required to activate or hold each push button
- A single “clicking” noise shall indicate that the pushbutton has been held for the required 3 seconds
- Each pushbutton, when held for 3 seconds, shall also “vibrate” indicating the direction of travel requested (to assist those with visual and auditory impairments, who are expected to keep their hand on the tactile arrow until they commence their crossing)
- Once it is safe to cross, a repeating “cuckoo” sound will be heard for the north/south crossing while a repeating “chirp” would will be heard for the east/west crossing
- The APS will automatically adjust volume of audible sounds based on the level of ambient noise

In addition to the APS units, tactile ground surface indicators were installed within the concrete sidewalk at each crossing to alert, guide and assist pedestrians with visual impairments (ie. tactile surface distinguishes the beginning of the crosswalk, at which point pedestrians would be entering the intersection) In addition, the tactile surface also provides indication of the grade change on the approach to the roadway and provides directional orientation across the roadway.

If you would like further information or assistance regarding the Audible Pedestrian Signal, please contact the Town of New Tecumseth’s Director of Human Resources, Pavlina Thompson at 705-435-3900 ext. 1247 or email pthompson@newtecumseth.ca