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### BELOVED SPLATSIN BAND MEMBER KILLED WHILE CROSSING HIGHWAY 97A SPLATSIN SEEKING NEW TRAFFIC LIGHT FROM GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT FUTURE TRAGEDIES

**Enderby, BC** – Splatsin is saddened to report that Band Member **Harry Joseph Jones, Jr.** was killed while crossing Highway 97A near the Splatsin Community Centre on the evening of **Saturday, July 1, 2023.**

At the time of the incident, Harry was attempting to cross Highway 97A at a marked crosswalk, located at Canyon Road. Unfortunately, at that time, a driver of an oncoming Subaru Impreza failed to acknowledge the crosswalk, fatally striking the pedestrian.

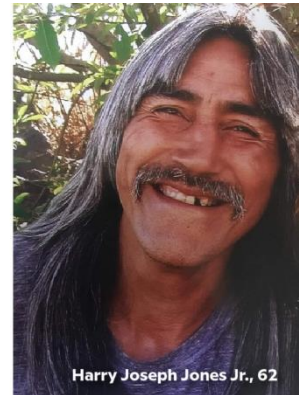
“This tragic event has severely impacted our entire community,” stated **Splatsin Councillor Sabrina Vergata**. “We are all in mourning for our dear Harry, who was simply trying to cross the road at a designated crosswalk.”

Sixty-two-year-old Harry Jones was well-known within the community as a kind person, a talented artist, and a colourful personality. He was an active participant in many of the Band’s community events.

Splatsin is asking the **BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure** to install a traffic light at the crosswalk of Canyon Road and Highway 97A.

“It is absolutely unacceptable that this preventable tragedy occurred,” said Vergata. “This outcome is a direct result of poor crosswalk lighting. For such a busy highway, a regular set of traffic lights is needed as soon as possible to ensure that pedestrians may safely cross in the future and tragedies like this do not happen again!”

Memorial services for Harry Jones Jr. are scheduled over the next several days and everyone is welcome to attend. A wake will take place on **Friday, July 7** at the Splatsin Community Centre, at which Harry’s artwork will be on display; and a funeral and burial will be on **Monday, July 10** at the Splatsin Cemetery.



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