

2022 UBCM Minister Meeting



Meeting with Honourable Rob Fleming

Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure—September 2022

Meeting Topics

The Township of Spallumcheen, City of Armstrong and City of Enderby would like to discuss with the Ministry of Transportation about the development of the Highway 97A upgrades to ensure public safety including both the proposed long-term solutions and short term interim measures to increase safety.

Background

The four-laning of the Highway 97A corridor is a priority for the Ministry. The segment of Highway 97A through the Township of Spallumcheen between Armstrong and Enderby is the first two-lane cross section of the highway north of Kelowna, making this upgrading project a high priority for the Ministry. While the study is being completed there are still growing safety concerns with specific intersections that access Highway 97.

Recently the Mayors of Spallumcheen, Armstrong, and Enderby met to discuss their growing concerns with the safety of accessing the highway, increased congestion on Highway 97A from Spallumcheen, past Armstrong and through to Enderby and the issues caused by excessive speed at the access points.

The stretch of Highway 97A which runs through the Township of Spallumcheen, City of Armstrong and the City of Enderby has required safety upgrades for some time. As the summer and tourism season approaches, the traffic that passes through this corridor will increase accordingly, again increasing the dangerous situations that our municipalities see every year.

The Mayors of Spallumcheen, Armstrong and Enderby are eager to work collaboratively with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to facilitate a plan that will address concerns regarding traffic congestion, speed issues and access.

This has been in follow-up to the Township of Spallumcheen Highway Traffic Signal Review Select Committee where the Township hired a consultant to review the intersection at Highway 97A and Smith Drive. Through the committee review, the Township organized discussions with the Mayors from Armstrong and Enderby to work collaboratively towards solutions within our jurisdictions based on traffic flow and the creation of breaks in traffic, resulting in improved safety between Armstrong, Spallumcheen and Enderby.