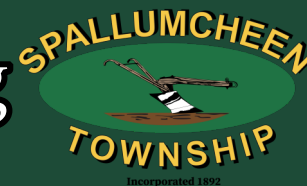


2023 UBCM Minister Meeting



Meeting with Ministry of Transportation Staff

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure—September 2023

Meeting Topics

The intersection of McLeod Road and Highway 97A has long been a high-incident intersection and the Township has been advocating for increased safety measures and solutions for years. The increased speed limit and traffic levels on the stretch of highway between the City of Enderby and the City of Armstrong has made entering the highway from McLeod Subdivision extremely challenging and dangerous with loss of life occurring. The Township feels upgrades to the highway corridor between Armstrong and Enderby are imperative and is eager to work collaboratively with MoTI to facilitate a plan that addresses concerns regarding traffic congestion, speed issues and access.

The Township has identified several key elements to be addressed:

- Reducing speed limit from Harding Road to Mountain View Road
- Change the light pattern at Smith to provide break in traffic
- Work with the Ministry to manage traffic flow safely for the next 5-15 years while long term solution are implemented
- Protected left hand turn lane out of McLeod subdivision
- 4-laning the highway

Background

The four-laning of the Highway 97A corridor should remain 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.

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 the corridor will increase accordingly, again increasing the dangerous situations that our municipalities see every year.

Summary

Completing Highway 97A upgrades must remain a priority to ensure safety of all users of the highway. The Township Council is ready and willing to develop safety initiatives and provide support to the Ministry as needed.