

Meeting with Ministry of Transportation (MOT) Aug 15th 2023

As Area D has a long list of concerns with the Ministry of Transportation there was progress in today's one hour meeting.

1. The Ministry of Transportation has agreed to a traffic study which will hopefully address the many concerns with Highway 19A. Over the next coming weeks SRD staff will be working with ministry staff to define the scope of this study. SRD and ministry staff are well aware that speed, safety, and active transportation needs to play a critical role in this traffic study. From the sounds of today's meeting this traffic study should be well underway this year, and there will be opportunities for public engagement.
2. The Ministry of Transportation will be approving a grant of \$99,000 towards the four bus shelters that area D has requested for this year. All four bus shelters will be installed on the water side of Highway 19A and MOT will be confirming with SRD staff over the coming weeks that they will be installed later this year.
3. Ministry of Transportation has agreed to upgrades of bus stops to include proper pullouts and concrete pads. This will allow bus stops such as the one on the water side of Highway 19A and Engles Rd to be upgraded so a bus shelter can be added next year.
4. Snow removal issues on roads such as York, Henry, Lynwood are well noted and there should be significant improvements seen for this years snowy season.
5. Speeding on internal roads such as York, Craig, Engles, McGimpsey are well noted however they are still considering options. I have been told speed bumps are not an option. In addition the speeding around the parks such as Hagel was well discussed with nothing tangible offered as a solution.
6. Crawford Rd and Highway 19A was well discussed again with nothing tangible offered as a solution. They admit it is a complex problem!
7. Glenmore Rd and Discovery foods was well discussed and while the Ministry of Highways admit they have not addressed the long standing concerns nothing tangible was offered as a solution towards road improvements at this time.

While some progress in the right direction there is still considerable work that needs to be completed.

I would like to thank the staff at SRD for the hard work they do in the background working with Government Ministries such as the Ministry of Highways.