



November 25, 2014

Betty Baxter, Board Chair
School District No. 46
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Reference: 229492

Dear Chair Baxter:

Re: School Road/North Road and Gibsons Way Intersection

Thank you for your letter of August 27, 2014, forwarded by Administrative Assistant Erica Reimer, regarding the intersection of School Road/North Road and Gibsons Way in Gibsons.

Safety is the ministry's highest priority, and I understand the importance of this issue to the Board of Education School District No. 46 and local area residents. As you are aware, this intersection falls under the joint jurisdiction of the ministry and the Town of Gibsons. We are responsible for North Road and the northern portion of Gibsons Way and the Town of Gibsons is responsible for School Road and the southern portion of Gibsons Way.

The Town of Gibsons is taking the lead on this project and has retained an engineering firm to review the current layout of the intersection and to provide a conceptual design for improvements. Once the design is complete and a cost estimate has been developed, the ministry, the Town and your Board can discuss an appropriate cost-sharing arrangement. Responsibility for funding of the improvements will ultimately depend on the scope of the improvements proposed and which part of the intersection are improved.

In the meantime, as an interim safety measure, the ministry installed a "Yield Ahead" sign in mid-October on North Road between the church access and the intersection with Gibsons Way, which is visible to drivers approaching the intersection. Ministry staff will continue to monitor this location and will review the size of the existing yield sign to determine whether a larger sign would be beneficial.

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Should you have any further questions or concerns about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Graeme Schimpf, the ministry's local Operations Manager. Mr. Schimpf can be reached by phone at 604 527-2236 or by e-mail at Graeme.Schimpf@gov.bc.ca, and he would be pleased to assist you.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Todd G. Stone
Minister

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