
MEMORANDUM

CL-C 46-2022

Subject: Traffic Safety Issue on Regional Road 101 (Mountain Road)

Date: June 23, 2022

To: Regional Council

From: Carolyn Ryall, Director Transportation Services Division

At the June 14, 2022 Public Works Committee Meeting, under Other Business, Regional Councillor Gale noted that a motor vehicle collision recently occurred at the intersection of the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) off-ramp at Regional Road 101 (Mountain Road), City of Niagara Falls. He also noted that materials have been present on-site for sometime and asked that Commissioner Zvaniga provide information at the next council meeting about when a traffic signal was scheduled to be installed.

The traffic signal at this location is intended as a temporary installation to be turned on as part of the detouring when the Glendale Diverging Diamond Interchange work triggers the need; tentatively September 2022.

The Diverging Diamond Interchange reconstruction project (DDI) at QEW and Regional Road 89 (Glendale Avenue) is led by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). In order to finalize the construction of the south-west off-ramp a detour is required for a duration of approximately 60 days. In order to accommodate this closure, a detour route was established with Niagara Region to move the vehicular traffic to Mountain Road where traffic will be detoured to Regional Road 70 (Taylor Road) and Glendale Avenue.

Niagara Region made provisions for a permanent traffic signal to be installed at the intersection of Taylor Road and Glendale Avenue based on recent warrant traffic analysis, plus the additional detour traffic related to this project. The construction of this intersection is underway.

As the QEW and Mountain Road interchange falls under MTO's responsibility and jurisdiction, all decisions regarding traffic control at this intersection are under their purview.

As part of a Senior MTO-Niagara Region Liaison Meeting held on June 20, 2022, senior staff raised concerns brought forward by the residents in the area and those of elected officials, and requested that MTO complete and activate the temporary signal as soon as possible.

MTO was unaware of the recent collision and has agreed to quickly review the timing to activate the temporary traffic signal. In addition, they agreed to review the traffic in the area, in Q4 2022 once the DDI is fully operational, to determine whether the traffic signal should be made a permanent control measure at the intersection of Mountain Road and the QEW south-west off-ramp.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Carolyn Ryall
Director, Transportation Services Division