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His Worship Fred Eisenberger, Mayor
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter asking my ministry to investigate implementing traffic signals at the intersection of Highway 6 South and Haldibrook Road.

The Ministry of Transportation has specific requirements that must be met before traffic signals are installed. These criteria, which are applied uniformly across the province, include traffic volumes for the main road and side road, the number of vehicles turning left from the main road and the side road, delays to the side road traffic and the collision experience at the intersection.

Ministry staff conducted operational reviews of this location in March and August 2008, and found that the traffic volumes were not yet to the point where installing traffic signals could be justified. Staff observed that there were adequate gaps available on Highway 6 to allow vehicles to safely make left and right turns from Haldibrook Road, and delays to side road traffic were not excessive. Staff also noted the considerable heavy truck traffic using Haldibrook Road.

The ministry has a priority listing for installing traffic signals to ensure that funding is applied to the most critical intersections based on need. This intersection ranks 50 out of 267 unsignalized intersections on the traffic signals priority list, based on the results of the traffic studies undertaken this summer.

At the request of the local community, ministry staff attended a site meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, to discuss their concerns and explain the ministry’s position. In attendance were Mayor Marie Trainer of Haldimand County and Councillor David Mitchel of the City of Hamilton. At the meeting, Mayor Trainer suggested that the Caledonia Bridge, which is under construction, could be the reason for the decrease in traffic volumes. Mayor Trainer suggested that the ministry undertake another study when the bridge construction is completed.

Scott Stewart
Clerk

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The ministry is aware of the community’s concerns and has committed to undertaking additional reviews and studies at this location to ensure that the intersection is operating safely. The following studies will be repeated this fall to capture the traffic flow after the school year has begun and once again later in the year when construction on the Caledonia Bridge is completed:

- turning movement counts
- speed studies
- stop/delay studies
- critical gap studies
- collision analysis.

All stakeholders will be informed of the results of our review and analysis once it is complete.

Again, thank you for bringing the concerns of your community to our attention. I can assure you that the ministry will continue to monitor this location for safety, operations and the need for traffic signals. Please accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Bradley
Minister