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His Worship Larry Di Ianni
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Dear Mayor Di Ianni:

Thank you for your letter of January 27, 2006, regarding Highway 6 North winter maintenance. The Honourable Harinder S. Takhar, Minister of Transportation, has asked that I respond to you on his behalf.

The Ministry of Transportation is committed to providing a safe and efficient transportation network. Over the past 10 years, the ministry has spent more than $28 million for an ongoing program of safety improvements to Highway 6. The improvements include a continuous centre left-turn lane, traffic signals at Millgrove Side Road and Carlisle Road, and increased signage to remind drivers to adjust their driving to suit weather and/or road conditions. In addition, the ministry has recently received bids for $27.6 million of improvements on Highway 6 between Highway 5 and Highway 403. This work is expected to start early this year.

An analysis using snowdrift modelling is underway to determine if there are any additional measures that should be taken along this highway. The ministry will closely review the results of this analysis and move forward with any recommended improvements that can be taken to reduce drifting snow along Highway 6, including the possible use of a snow fence.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Goodale
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister
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