

His Worship Mayor Paul Chalifoux
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Mayor Chalifoux:

Thank you once again for meeting to hear our concerns and discuss the safety issues related to the current traffic lights at the intersection of Sir Winston Churchill Boulevard (184th Street) and Heritage Boulevard as outlined in our October 14th letter. We also appreciate receiving the additional feedback provided after the meeting and the opportunity to respond as follows:

- ◆ A previous study indicated traffic volumes were not high enough to warrant changing the traffic lights at the intersection
 - *Since the completion of the 184th Street overpass, the volume of traffic has increased quite significantly. Likely a new study would bear this out.*
- ◆ Installing sensors on the roadway would be too dangerous because oncoming traffic would have no prior warning of the changing signal.
 - *We're not sure we understand why advanced lighting would be required for this intersection beyond that provided by normal traffic signals.*
- ◆ The problem stems from the new light at 184th Street and 137th Avenue and this will be discussed with the City of Edmonton.
 - *The east/west and north/south signal sequences at the new intersection are between 30-45 seconds and 1-2.5 minutes respectively. This sequencing adequately accommodates the traffic flow and can easily be coordinated with signal sequences at the Sir Winston Churchill/Heritage Boulevard intersection.*
- ◆ It's too expensive.
 - *As noted in our October 14th letter, Sir Winston Churchill Boulevard is one of St. Albert's primary feeder routes and safety is a significant issue under the current situation.*
- ◆ The Western Bypass will resolve the issue.
 - *The Western Bypass will greatly assist with traffic movement from northern subdivisions in St. Albert. Residents of Heritage Lakes are most likely to continue to use 184th Street as a primary access route to Edmonton.*

As an interim step, we would suggest adding an additional pedestrian activation button on the northeast corner (Heritage Boulevard entrance) so drivers can reduce their level of risk as well as the time needed to leave their idling vehicles to push the button.

Mr. Mayor, we realize this is not an easy issue to resolve. However, we would encourage you to move it higher on the priority list before an unfortunate incident occurs that could have been avoided had a more proactive approach been taken. We would also appreciate another meeting with you and your planning/public work department to discuss the issue.

Yours truly,

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