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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Highway Lights to be Replaced this Summer**

Through negotiations with the Town, the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure has agreed to permanently replace the traffic light infrastructure at the Ditson Drive/Highway 7 intersection this summer as the Province assumes responsibility for the present and future maintenance and repair of the lights.

New designs to reconfigure the intersection are also being considered by the Province, which will accommodate wider turning for trucks and improved pedestrian safety.

Traffic light specialists have assessed the lights in recent weeks and confirmed that replacement parts for the antiquated equipment are no longer available. The Ministry is reviewing replacement of the lights at the junction of Highways 21 and 7. Those lights have also begun to malfunction due to disturbance from large trucks. These combined projects will save the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars in capital cost.

Drivers will notice that the lights may be working intermittently over the new few weeks as technicians attempt to restore what service they can before replacement is complete.

“These lights have been an ongoing concern for the Town, as well as residents and motorists passing through Kindersley,” said Chief Administrative Officer Bernie Morton. “I am pleased that our negotiation with the Ministry of Highways has resulted in a solution that will ensure greater public safety and added support from the Province toward the future maintenance of this infrastructure.”

The Ministry of Highways is currently overseeing the development of designs, and then the work will be tendered out. It is estimated that installation of the new lights may begin by August 2014.

The traffic lights along Main Street are also being assessed.

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