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## NEWS RELEASE

### Traffic Lights Scheduled for September Replacement

The Province's replacement of traffic lights at the intersection of Highway 7 and Ditson Drive will begin shortly.

The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure has confirmed that construction is scheduled to get underway in early September, beginning with installation of new light standard bases and conduits.

Over the past year, the Town of Kindersley negotiated with the Province to include the project in the Ministry's new Town Urban Highway Policy (TUHP), which now means that the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure is responsible for all current and future operation and maintenance of highway traffic lights within Town limits. Repairs to the malfunctioning lights will be performed at no direct cost to Kindersley taxpayers.

In an effort to reduce future collisions, the new light standards will have a higher clearance and be set back to allow for a widening of the service road approaches. This will provide for easier turning for large trucks and other heavy haul vehicles.

"We are very happy to see replacement of the highway traffic lights come to fruition," said Mayor John Enns-Wind. "The Town has worked very closely with the Ministry to expedite this work, to save our Kindersley taxpayers money, and to ensure future safety at this very busy intersection. We are thankful for the Province's commitment to this as well."

The Ministry has also requested that the Town consider closing all accesses along Highway 7 except for the intersections of Ditson Drive and Highway 21. This recommendation is supported in the Town's Traffic Study conducted by Associated Engineering. No Council decision has yet been made but it will be discussed at a future meeting after a review by Council's Traffic Committee.

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