

Request for Formal Complaint to MTO from Municipality

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To: Rhonda Smith <Clerk@Temagami.ca>

Cc: Sabrina Pandolfo <projects@Temagami.ca>

Good Morning,

At our January 18th Temagami Police Services Board Meeting we addressed 2 citizen complaints about Highway 11 issues. (see below for issues)

The OPP have spoken to MTO representatives concerning these issues and it was recommended the Municipality submit a formal complaint to MTO requesting a review of these issues.

The Temagami Police Services Board passed the following resolution:

8.10 Citizens Complaints/Concerns:

8.10a **Spruce Drive and Highway 11 intersection:** a number of people have expressed concerns about the safety of pulling out of Spruce Drive into the southbound lane of Highway 11. The visibility to the north is very limited and people find that before they can accelerate, many times there is a car or a transport behind them and only feet from their bumper. There are signs (3) to the north warning that there is an intersection ahead but it doesn't seem to register with the southbound drivers. Another issue with this intersection is there can be heavy thick fog (due to its proximity to Net Lake) in both the spring and fall reducing visibility at this location to almost zero. People have to turn off their vehicle/ wind down the window and listen before pulling on to the highway. There is a safety hazard here. One solution could be having a flashing yellow warning light on one of the highway signs located north of Spruce Drive.

Constable Jake Murphy advised that he has received the community concerns as well and has spoken to MTO representative about the concerns. Suggestions to increase visibility for the intersection by brushing the Northeast corner.

- **8.10b Section of Highway 11 between the MTO south to Jessie Lake:** There are a number of homes and driveways along this stretch of highway. The concern is there doesn't seem to be any signs warning the traffic coming from the north or south of this section that there are a number of driveways ahead or warning that there may be vehicles turning ahead, both off and on to the highway. With the speed of vehicles and the limited visibility in this area this is definitely a safety issue. Some people have expressed concerns about the safety of pulling out onto highway 11 or turning into their homes driveways in this area. Signs could be put up at both ends of this section warning north and south bound drivers of the driveways ahead. Maybe the signs could also have a yellow flashing warning light on them.

Constable Jake Murphy advised that he has also received the same complaints and has spoken to MTO representative. He was advised that there was at one time an MTO sign indicating hidden driveways or something similar. He was advised that the Municipality has to submit a formal complaint for both situations to the MTO.

Moved by: Gerry Stroud

Seconded by: Jo-Anne Platts

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Temagami Police Services Board request the Municipality to submit a formal complaint regarding the two above mentioned complaints to the MTO for their review and action.

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Sincerely,

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