

## **M.D. of Bonnyville Media Release September 19, 2013**

### **M.D. lobbies province on highway intersection**

#### ***Intersection at Highways 41 and 660 a high priority***

Municipal District of Bonnyville Reeve Ed Rondeau met with Alberta Minister of Transportation Rick McIver this week to lobby for a solution to the hazardous intersection at Highways 41 and 660.

Minister McIver was in Glendon for a Progressive Conservative Fundraiser where Reeve Rondeau urged him to prioritize the intersection.

Reeve Rondeau says McIver was receptive to putting the intersection on the three-year transportation plan. “Minister McIver had reservations about erecting four-way stop signs on Highway 41. He was open to building the necessary turning and passing lanes at the intersection to improve traffic conditions.”

Rondeau says recent traffic counts done by Alberta Transportation were deemed not high enough to support the installation of lights or a four-way stop, but either one of these solutions would be preferable to M.D. Council.

“While Minister McIver indicated that there is currently no money in the budget for an intersection treatment, M.D. Council and MLA Genia Leskiw are committed to making sure that this improvement be put in the spring budget and the three-year Transportation Plan.”

The Highways 41 and 660 intersection has been on the M.D. Council agenda for several years. Council met with Alberta Transportation officials at the spring Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMD&C) Conference to discuss the intersection. Rondeau says after the recent tragic accident, Council forwarded a petition to the Minister of Transportation signed by concerned citizens. “Council will continue to lobby the Minister of Transportation and the MLA until a solution for the intersection is put in place.”

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