



January 23, 2023

Lee-Ann Tiede, Chair
Board of Education
Central Okanagan Public Schools
1040 Hollywood Road South
Kelowna BC V1X 4N2

Reference: 314375

Dear Lee-Ann Tiede:

Re: Highway 97 and Crystal Waters Road intersection

Thank you for your letter of December 9, 2022, regarding safety at the Highway 97 and Crystal Waters Road intersection.

The ministry recognizes the importance of the safety of this intersection for people in Lake Country, including students travelling to school. This location remains a priority for the ministry, and we have completed the detailed design work for the project, as well as acquired properties and relocated powerline poles in preparation for the work. The ministry works with the federal government on opportunities to partner on funding for projects such as this, and we will continue to advocate for this and other projects to improve road safety for British Columbians.

Additionally, ministry staff are investigating possible interim safety improvements for this intersection. I have shared your correspondence with the ministry staff involved in this work, to ensure your feedback is considered as part of this process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the ministry's local District Manager Erik Lachmuth at 236 766-7194 or at Erik.Lachmuth@gov.bc.ca. He would be happy to help you.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming
Minister

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Copy to: Eric Lachmuth, District Manager, Okanagan Shuswap
Southern Interior Region