

April 30, 2020

Hon. Caroline Mulroney Minister of Transportation 5th Floor, 777 Bay St. Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8 Via email to: caroline.mulroney@pc.ola.org

Dear Minister Mulroney,

RE: Paved Shoulder for Highway 94, Callander

It has recently come to the attention of the Council of the Municipality of Callander that there are no plans for a consistent paved shoulder along the section of Highway 94 in Callander that is due to be reconstructed this summer.

In 2015, the Ministry of Transportation worked with the Municipality of Callander to ensure that a paved shoulder on both sides of the road was incorporated into the Design and Engineering for the Rehabilitation of Highway 654 within our Municipality boundaries. This important part of the highway infrastructure has helped to promote active transportation, as supported by the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario and the Municipality of Callander.

It stands to reason that the same standards would have been incorporated into the plans for Highway 94. Unfortunately, we understand that this was not the case.

At the Municipality of Callander's regular council meeting this week, Council passed Resolution 2020/04/199 to ask you for assurance that they will pave the shoulder of Highway 94 in the same fashion as Hwy 654 from Wasi Corners to the Lansdowne intersection to allow for the safe usage for both bikes and pedestrians traffic. I am enclosing a copy of that resolution with this letter for your reference, as well as a copy of Resolution 2015/03/78 from 20145 outlining the reasons for the request at that time.

We trust that even at this stage in the process, adjustments can be made to ensure that a suitable paved shoulder is provided to support the important need for active transportation routes. I look forward to an affirmative response to this request. Should you wish to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me at <u>rnoon@callander.ca</u> or by phone at 705-845-5010.

Sincerely,

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cc. MPP Vic Fedeli Municipality of East Ferris Township of Nippissing Municipality of Powassan City of North Bay

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