



Mayor Roy Avis ,
Members of Town Council ,
Corporation Town of Ft Frances , Ont

Re : Traffic Safety – Corner First Str - & - Portage
Re : Traffic Accident - & - need for – 4- way stop signs/ traffic lights
Re : I ask a written response – & - updates regarding Councils
- official direction - & - follow up -actions to this letter

April 22 , 2015 .

Dear Members of Council ,

I was recently involved in a motor vehicle accident at the above location – while travelling across Portage Avenue – in a westerly direction on First Street.(on April 14 , 2015).. Although charged there were several mitigating circumstances that I feel , need to be addressed by this Council . (I paid the fine – as I did not wish to proceed to Court – due to my present commitments - & - busy agenda .)

The ultimate goal of this letter is to provide a safe intersection for vehicles to cross at .

This corner is a high traffic area – saturated with heavy trucks – delivery trucks – school bus's (which pick up children on the corner of First Street - & - Portage Avenue) - passenger cars – plus - congested on street parking – two business parking lot's - a back alley lane way where large transport trucks make deliveries to the rear entrances of down town stores This one block area - between First Street - & - Scott Street is extremely busy .

MY BIGGEST CONCERN HOWEVER
 -IS - “YOU CAN'T SEE AROUND THE CORNER - FOR
 ONCOMING TRAFFIC – DUE TO ALL THE PARKED
 VEHICLES ALONG THE STREET”

In my case there was a large truck parked on the east – north parking spot – blocking my view to oncoming traffic . This was further exacerbated with the rest of the parked vehicles behind it . This unsafe condition – “ SUBJECTS TRAFFIC “ - trying to cross Portage Avenue to - “ UNSAFE CONDITIONS ”– WHEN PULLING OUT TO CROSS THE STREET .. In addition vehicles leaving the parking area along the street – exit with a left turn signal – put themselves in jeopardy with traffic crossing Portage Ave

Due Diligence is in order – and a safety review of this corner is in line with the responsibilities that flow from Council .

These mitigating circumstances subject the public to extremely dangerous circumstances that could have cost me my life .

I believe Council requires , either a four way stop / stop signs / overhead traffic lights at this intersection . Council should also consider removing the northern most parking space . This will open a line of vision to oncoming traffic – thus making the intersection much safer for vehicular traffic ..

If you require any further information please feel free to call me at your convenience .

Thanking you in advance – I wish to remain ;

Yours Truly ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna McKelvie". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Donna" being larger and more prominent than the last name "McKelvie".

Donna McKelvie

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cc

O.P.P.

Allstate Insurance Cc.

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