



Yukon Legislative Assembly

Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6



September 29, 2020

Hon. Richard Mostyn
Minister of Highways and Public Works
P.O. Box 2703
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Dear Minister Mostyn,

There is currently work underway by the government to install 45 streetlights on the Alaska Highway near the intersections of the Mayo Road and Cousins Airfield Road, which is being met with opposition from residents in the area who believe that this degree of lighting is not necessary, and will result in light pollution that negatively impacts them.

In contrast, for almost four years, the Member for Watson Lake has been asking the government to install highway lighting along the Robert Campbell Highway to increase safety for year-round pedestrians and motorists who use the stretch of highway between the town and 2 ½ Mile Subdivision.

This request has been made to your government through multiple emails and letters, through departmental debate, and more recently, through a motion in the Legislature.

Last year, Patti McLeod, MLA for Watson Lake tabled a petition asking once again for you to take action on this important issue. That petition, signed by 373 Yukoners, reads as follows:

“THAT the citizens of Watson Lake are concerned about the safety of the traveling public, including pedestrians and people in motor vehicles;

“THEREFORE, the undersigned ask the Yukon Legislative Assembly to urge the Minister of Highways and Public Works to start the work necessary to provide for, and proceed with, the installation of highway lighting on the Robert Campbell Highway from the junction of Ravenhill Drive and the Robert Campbell Highway to the subdivision of 2 ½ Mile.”

Your government is currently planning to install 45 streetlights the public is not asking for, and to which local residents are opposed. Meanwhile, residents of Watson Lake have been asking for years for lighting to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists.

We suggest a solution that listens to the people who live in both areas: reduce the number of streetlights being installed on the Alaska Highway by the Mayo Road and Cousins Airfield Road intersections, and install some of those streetlights along the Robert Campbell Highway instead.

Sincerely,

Patti McLeod
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