

Lights now installed at Old School Road intersections

Traffic signals have now been installed on Old School Road at the intersections with Heart Lake and Kennedy Roads.

The Town was monitoring the signal timing at Kennedy last week, potentially making adjustments to the signal timing.

Traffic signals are scheduled to be installed at the intersection of Mayfield Road and Snellview Boulevard (west of Kennedy) Sept. 21. The Town reported staff are working to advance the installation date with the contractor if possible. This installation is slightly later, as it was added to the project based on community demand and feedback after the start construction. This installation is a more complex design, as it will include a pedestrian crossing. As well, Mayfield is a Regional road, which required an additional level of coordination and approval for the Town.

The Town reported these factors have now been cleared.

Upon energization and signal timing programing, the Town's Traffic Coordinator, in conjunction with the Region, will observe traffic flow and optimize signal timing program if necessary.

Construction work on Kennedy north of the Highway 410 bridge is nearing completion with storm sewers and curb installation. The road widening is ready for base asphalt. South of Highway 410, the work is progressing well to Snellview Boulevard, according to the Town, with storm sewers complete and road widening base granular material being placed and compacted. Utilities are being relocated in the area south of Snellview to Mayfield Road. This work consists of the existing overhead hydro lines and underground communication cables being relocated underground, in order to align them appropriately with the newly widened roadway. Road widening and storm sewer installation work will start in this area upon de-energization of overhead hydro lines and the removal of hydro poles.

The improvements to Kennedy are to meet the expected increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic demands along the Kennedy Road corridor. Improvements include widening Kennedy to a four-lane urban cross-section with left turn lanes; installation of a sidewalk on the east side and a multi-use path on the west side; and improvements to sewers to manage storm water.

Residents in the area have seen heavy traffic back-ups during rush hour and at other times of the day.