

## **Proposed Improvements to West Island Highway 19A Moilliet Street to Pym Street**

At the July 5 meeting, Council considered a report by the City's Director of Engineering and Operations summarizing the results of a traffic assessment report associated with School District 69's "Family Place" redevelopment located at 499 West Island Highway. The *Traffic Assessment*, prepared by Boulevard Transportation Group, evaluated traffic levels of service at the existing "T" intersections along Highway 19A, between Pym Street and Moilliet Street plus minor additional impacts due to redevelopment of the Family Place site, and evaluated a variety of options to mitigate existing service deficiencies.

Recognizing that there are significant service deficiencies along this segment of Highway 19A resulting from increasing traffic and without corresponding roadway improvements over the years, Council approved proceeding with one of the options recommended in the Traffic Assessment, namely installing new traffic signals on Highway 19A at Bay Avenue and at Finholm Street. Both signals would be interconnected and synchronized with the existing signal at Pym Street. Subject to funding availability, additional measures associated with these new signals may include restricting Dogwood and Roscow Streets to right-in and right-out movements, and/or widening a portion of Highway 19A, between Bay and Finholm, to accommodate left turn lanes.

The decision by Council to retain a consultant to design new traffic signals and related improvements begins the long-term process of phased improvements along West Island Highway 19A. The consultant will also develop a phased improvement plan for the ultimate widening of Highway 19A to five lanes, complete with sidewalks, bike lanes, pedestrian crossings, and other improvements, between the westerly City limits near Stanhope Road and Moilliet Street. These future phases will be reflected in the City's 20 Year Capital Expenditure Plan.

The full Traffic Assessment report is available on the City's website at <http://parksville.ca/cms.asp?wpID=387>.

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