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Hornby Roads Survey Report

Prior to the Nov. 8, 2022 Zoom meeting between HIRRA Executive members met with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) and other stakeholders, HIRRA circulated a public survey to assist with discussion and prioritization of Hornby roads issues. This report summarizes the results of that survey. (*Original survey with detailed results is attached below.*)

Not surprisingly, Ford Cove congestion, ferry line-ups and the corner at Sollans and Central (Hall) were prioritized as key safety issues that had already been identified. Pot-holes and road deterioration were the top maintenance issues that had already been identified.

Most people wanted more enforcement of “no overnight parking” signage and speeding through the playground zone. Also most people wanted more “no overnight parking” signage at beach accesses and Regional Park entrances.

Many other specific safety and maintenance issues that were raised, some by multiple respondents. The most common additional comment was that the sloped or rough road edges and narrowness of paving make roads more hazardous for cyclists. Speeding and congestion in the playground and school zone was the second most common concern. The obstructed overgrown ditches and narrowness of Savoie Rd. were also mentioned frequently as that area is getting higher seasonal use. Generally rough or deteriorating paved road surfaces and washboarding on gravel roads were common concerns.

A few spots were identified as additional safety issues by more than one respondent: Central and Carmichael blind corner; Big Tree corner on St. Johns Point Rd.; speeding on Anderson Dr. especially near Whaling Station Bay; Roburn Rd. blind hills; parking congestion at the beginning of Strachan Rd.; parking congestion between Seadollar Rd. and Outdoor Education Centre entrance; overgrown or blocked public beach accesses at Parnell Rd.

Several people shared their personal experiences with danger spots or suggested solutions to issues they raised. Suggestions included widening and paving roads, creating bike lanes, making the Sollans/Central corner a three-way stop or installing a digital speed sign, changing the four-way stop at the Co-op corner to a traffic circle, and installing speed bumps at the Seawright corner.

One comment about safety issues seemed particularly insightful, so it is included here verbatim:

“This is a rural island with lots of blind corners and potentially dangerous places on our roads. It would be impossible to eliminate all of them without destroying the charm of the place. Let us focus on reminding drivers to slow down and potentially lowering the speed limit.”

It seems important to inform people about the limitations of MoTI and RCMP ability to address all the issues raised given their funding and the scope of their mandates (e.g. lowering speeds, installing speed bumps or issuing fines). It could be useful to educate both residents and visitors about Hornby’s unique road hazards (deer, pot-holes, cyclists, and ferry line-ups) and remind people to slow down, pay attention and obey traffic signs. At the same time, it is important to inform MoTI and the RCMP about islanders’ experiences and concerns regarding road issues.

HIRRA Executive is planning to host another Hornby Roads meeting in the spring of 2023.

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Original Survey with results from 134 total responses

Introduction:

On April 25, 2022 HIRRA Executive met with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) representative, RCMP, and other Hornby stakeholders to discuss Hornby roads issues.

Any enforcement issues (e.g. speeding, overnight roadside parking, parking in no-parking zones) need to be referred to RCMP.

MoTI confirmed that they will address maintenance issues as time, weather and funding allow (e.g. line-painting, potholes, erosion, road dust, brushing back bushes).

Line painting is on their 2022 work-plan along with installing more "no parking" and "no overnight parking" signage in three previously identified problem areas: Little Tribune Bay, Ford Cove, and Whaling Station Bay.

MoTI requested HIRRA to prioritize community feedback to identify top issues for them to address prior to the next stakeholders meeting this Fall.

The following survey questions are based on the 70 responses to an email seeking feedback from HIRRA members on Hornby roads concerns. Thank you to everyone who sent feedback by email.

Feel free to share this survey with others.

Deadline: Nov 1, 2022

Survey questions and results:

Do you want more enforcement of the following existing road laws by RCMP? Tick all that apply

Parking in "no parking" zones and bike lanes (40.2%)

Overnight parking in "no overnight parking" zones (63%)

Speeding in general (34.6%)

Speeding in playground and school zone (49.6%)

No additional enforcement (18.9%)

*(Other enforcement issues raised: Bikes riding through stop signs. Driving **under** the speed limit. Impaired driving.)*

Do you want more "no camping" signage in the following places?

Tick all that apply

Regional Park entrance parking lots (58.2%)

Beach accesses (62.3%)

Pull out across from 500 Central (Westview Farm) near Phipps Point (50.8%)

No additional signage (26.2%)

(Other signage spots raised: General at ferry. Top of Slade Rd. Top of Mount Rd. End of Savoie Rd. Whaling Station/Anderson Dr. Phipps Pt. New Horizons)

Rank the following safety concerns from 1 (urgent) to 6 (less urgent)

Most frequently selected rank listed here.

Blind corner on Seawright with no shoulder on inner corner 3

Congestion at Ford Cove 1

Ferry traffic line up reducing Central Road to single lane traffic 1

Narrow shoulders along Central between Seawright and Sandpiper 3



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Central and Sandpiper blind hill (*already has intersection warning signs from both directions*) Tie: 4 & 6

Sandpiper and Porpoise unmarked three-way intersection with mailboxes and bus stop 6

Sollans and Central blind corner by Community Hall Tie: 1 & 3

Is there another high priority safety issue that isn't listed? Space to write

Additional safety issues raised:

Sloped road edges and narrow roads unsafe for cyclists. Suggest bike lanes x 7

Speeding in school/playground zone. Suggest 3-way stop sign or digital speed sign. x 4

Central and Carmichael blind corner. x 3

Big Tree corner St. Johns Pt and Central x 3

Speeding along Anderson and Whaling Station. Suggest lowering speed limit x 3

Strachan parking along road near intersection with Central x 2

Blind crest, no centre line and deteriorating surface on Roburn x 2

Strachan and other dirt roads washboarding and potholes x 2

Parking and obstructed sight lines between Seadollar and Outdoor Ed x 2

Deteriorating road surfaces x 2

Speeding and congestion along Sollans

Ditch at Trallee Park entrance on N. side of Fowler.

Blind curve on Depape

Limited visibility at Sollans and Harwood

Cars stopping in the road to talk with people.

Ford Cove hill slide area

Narrow curved entrance to Helliwell Park.

Poor banking on Sysygy corner on Central Rd.

Blind corner at Central and Seawright

Can't eliminate all blind corners and hazards. Focus on reducing speed generally and possibly lowering speed limit.

Passing on Shingle Spit Rd.

Lack of passing opportunities on the way to ferry.

Ditch overflowing on Lea Smith Rd.

Kirk Rd. needs stop sign at Arthurs.

Reduced visibility when leaving Ballpark

Congestion and speeding at Co-op corner in summer

Strachan Rd. sloughed off road edge at Ford Creek

Centre line not painted in centre of right of way.

Rank the following maintenance concerns from 1 (urgent) to 6 (less urgent)

Most frequently selected rank listed here.

Line-painting 3

Potholes and road deterioration 1

Eroding ditch and creek banks 2

Excessive road dust on unpaved roads Tie: 2 & 3

Ditch clean-out 3

Brushing back bushes for better visibility 2

Is there another high priority maintenance issue that isn't listed? Space to write

Additional safety issues raised:

Roads too narrow: widen for bike lanes or educate cyclists to use roadside trails x 4



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Savoie Rd. to narrow and ditches overgrown x 4
Maintain and open up public beach accesses esp. Parnell Rd. x 2
Roburn Rd. esp. blind hills x 2
Tar and gravel paving generally noisy, rough and bumpy. x 2
Year-round preventative maintenance
Harwood Rd
Parking along Fowler Rd at dead end
Wider clearances on curves
More frequent mowing of road edges
Dust and ruts on Depot driveway
Central and Carmichael blind corner
Washboard on Slade Rd.
Depape Rd.
Washboard on Strachan/Marlybone/Euston
Signage for Clamshell Park and remove some trees.
Deteriorating boat ramp
Ditch on right side of road to Helliwell overgrown and needs clearing out
Potholes on Beach Access Park driveways
Ditch on Jerow Rd
Limited visibility and congestion at beginning of Strachan Rd.
Potholes on uphill section of Seadollar from junction with McLean
Congestion and speeding at Co-op corner. Suggest traffic circle

Question:

How many hours per week does Emcon address these needs?