

November 19, 2010



Norm Miller, MPP
Room 348, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Dear Mr. Miller:

Re: Support for Bill 100 Paved Highway Shoulders

The Grey Bruce Health Unit protects and promotes health for the residents of the 17 municipalities that comprise the counties of Grey and Bruce. As one of 36 health units for Ontario, we are mandated by the Ontario Public Health Standards to address the determinants of health, including the physical environments in which our residents live, work, learn and play.

With respect to the influence of active transportation on health, the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit supports Private Members *Bill 100, Public Transport and Highway Improvement Amendment Act, 2010*, which calls for paved shoulders on provincial highways and the associated signage that warn vehicles of their requirement to share the road with pedestrians and cyclists.

On February 19, 2010, the Board of Health for the Grey Bruce Health Unit passed Resolution 2010-13 *Building Healthy Communities Together: Active and Alternative Transportation to Support Healthy Living in Grey Bruce* to “urge upper and lower tier municipalities to incorporate healthy public policy into official master plans, bylaws, and land use planning approvals which supports increasing active and alternative transportation while reducing motor vehicle dependency”. Bill 100 would support this resolution at a provincial level.

During 2010, there have been several examples within Grey Bruce of the inclusion of paved shoulders on roadways. The Municipality of Saugeen Shores initiated a project to support an expansion of their active transportation network that includes “repairing the existing asphalt road platform with an official multi-use path and hard surfaced shoulders” of Miramichi Bay Road and North Shore Road. In August, the province announced plans to repave the shoulders, adding bicycle lanes, to a 66 kilometre portion of Highway 6 south of Tobermory.

We encourage the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to adopt Bill 100 as the next step in developing a provincial transportation system that encourages and supports active modes of transportation.

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