

## TRAFFIC SIGNAL INTERSECTION CHANGES

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**WHEREAS** Sault Ste. Marie's policy during capital road works projects is to remove unwarranted traffic signals during the reconstruction; and

**WHEREAS** the removal of a traffic signal generally leads to an adjustment period for motorists who frequently travel the area to familiarize themselves with the new traffic control pattern; and

**WHEREAS** when traffic signals are removed that control all four corners of an intersection, they are typically replaced by a stop sign that only controls traffic at two of the four corners of an intersection; and

**WHEREAS** it is not currently Sault Ste. Marie's policy to include a flashing red light above the traffic signal as a default at the time of the change from a traffic signal-controlled intersection to a stop sign-controlled intersection; and

**WHEREAS** a flashing red light above a stop sign could be an effective way to assist motorists who frequently travel an area where there has been a change in the traffic control pattern to familiarize themselves with the new traffic control pattern;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Public Works and Engineering Services be requested to amend the current policy for major capital works to provide that when unwarranted traffic signals are removed from an intersection, the stop signs that are installed at the intersection shall have flashing red lights above them for a period of not less than one (1) year.