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NEWS RELEASE – FOUR-WAY STOP TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGES AIM TO IMPROVE VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The City of Terrace Public Works department is currently installing two new four-way stops at the intersections of Sparks Street and Halliwell Avenue, and Munroe Street and Lazelle Avenue. The four-way stop configurations will be completed and active as soon as line painting crews are available and weather permits, anticipated to be within the first two weeks of September. This traffic pattern change will help improve safety for all road users at these intersections.

The 2017 Transportation Master Plan included a prioritized list of effective, affordable, and achievable road network improvements to help the city accommodate the expected population growth over the following decade. These priorities included the intersection of Sparks Street and Halliwell Avenue, previously a three-way stop that gave the right of way to traffic travelling northbound on Sparks. The new configuration will create an intuitive, four-way stop condition for this intersection and improve pedestrian safety.

Meanwhile, the Munroe Street and Lazelle Avenue intersection was a more recent addition to the list of intersections requiring safety upgrades due to public feedback of close calls at this location: sight lines on Lazelle can be poor when traffic is parked on Munroe.

The City of Terrace Public Works department continues to implement the recommendations of the Transportation Master Plan, which can be viewed at http://www.terrace.ca/city-hall/departments/development-services/planning.

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