

To: FOIP Act section 17(1)
Cc: Council
From: Matthew Goudy, CAO
Date: July 8th, 2019

Reference: 11/154/2019-188

RE: 50th Avenue (Highway 12) Paving

Thank you for your written concern regarding the pavement restoration along 50th Avenue (Highway 12). Several deep excavations along 50th Avenue between 58th Street and 76th Street were made to “drill” a new water main in this road. For this project, horizontally directional drilling was a cost effective way to install the water main that avoids more extensive and costly excavations along the roadway.

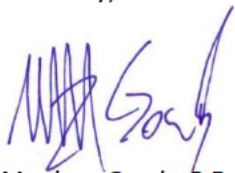
Due to the depth of the waterline, approximately 3m deep, it was important to allow the gravel backfill in the excavations time to settle before final paving. Doing so, mitigates the risk of “dips” developing in the road shortly after paving. In the interim, a temporary asphalt patch was placed over the excavations which required ongoing effort by the City’s contractor to maintain. The permanent patches have since been installed which are a significant improvement to the road way.

The City recognizes that temporary asphalt patches were not adequate for this section of road. For future projects in Lacombe, especially on our main roads, the engineering department is investigating other road patching standards that will be suitable to allow paving sooner while mitigating the risk of settlement.

City Council, at its regular meeting on July 8th, will be presented with the costs to repave 50th Avenue from 58th Street to 76th Street this year. Administration will proceed with the paving, or not, based on Council’s direction.

Thank you again for expressing your concerns.

Sincerely,



Matthew Goudy, P.Eng
Chief Administrative Officer