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## **Mount Pearl residents to benefit from safer, smoother roads**

**MOUNT PEARL, NL** – Today, the Honourable Seamus O'Regan, the Honourable Dale Kirby and His Worship Dave Aker announced \$13.5 million in funding to improve and enhance road infrastructure in Mount Pearl.

The first project, slated for October 2017 – July 2018, will involve widening and repaving portions of both Topsail and Blackmarsh roads, and reconfiguring the Blackmarsh-Topsail Intersection to allow for traffic signals. The wastewater management system will also be upgraded, and new curbs, gutters, sidewalks and bus lay-by areas will be installed.

The second project, slated for October 2017 – October 2018, will involve repaving Commonwealth Avenue from Glendale Avenue to Francis Street, upgrading or installing 2,000 metres of sidewalks, and upgrading the traffic signals at four key locations. The water and wastewater management systems will also be updated along this important roadway.

Both of these major infrastructure projects will improve traffic flow in the City, reduce delays and improve accessibility and safety for our pedestrians. They will also improve capacity for future development in these areas.

### **Quotes**

“Strategic investments in transportation infrastructure help address issues along vital road and highway corridors, and around transportation hubs and ports. Our government understands the importance of investing in projects like the widening and resurfacing of Topsail and Blackmarsh roads, and the rehabilitation of Commonwealth Avenue. This work will make the City’s transportation network safer and more efficient – helping kids travel safely to school, workers arrive on time, and seniors access the services they need.”

*The Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence,  
On behalf of the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities*

“Strengthening our province’s infrastructure is a priority for our government and we are pleased to continue a positive working collaboration with the Government of Canada to achieve this goal. These upgrades to roads in Mount Pearl will enhance the safety of motorists and pedestrians while helping traffic flow. Upgrades to the wastewater system will ensure residents continue to receive high quality services.”

*The Honourable Eddie Joyce, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment*

“We are a City growing to meet the future head on. Through good asset management, smart planning, and thoughtful infrastructure and development, we are ensuring long-term, sustainable services for Mount Pearl. These projects will be some of the largest in our City’s history. They will create modern thoroughfares, improve accessibility for our pedestrians, reduce traffic delays, and advance capacity for future development in these areas.”

*Dave Aker, Mayor of Mount Pearl*

## Quick Facts

- The Government of Canada will be contributing up to \$1,433,789 for the Topsail Road and Blackmarsh Road Infrastructure Improvements project, and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will be contributing \$1,922,005. The City of Mount Pearl will contribute \$1,438,197.
- The Government of Canada will be contributing up to \$2,676,406 for the Commonwealth Avenue Infrastructure Improvements project, and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will be contributing \$3,414,245. The City will contribute \$2,610,279.

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