

# MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Small and Council

From: Dwayne Pike, Chief of Police / Traffic Authority

Date: March 17, 2025

Subject: Intersection of Church Street/Robert Angus Drive – Traffic Control – Strategic Priorities - “Points to Capture”

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As new housing developments and other projects are initiated, traffic patterns and volumes also are subject to change. These can often result in issues that need to be addressed by a change in traffic controls or signals.

One such area of concern is the intersection of Church Street and Robert Angus Drive, which is currently controlled by a 4-way stop and accented with a flashing red light above the intersection. Also at this location are two marked crosswalks. One traverses Church Street on the north-west side of the intersection and another that traverses Robert Angus Drive on the north-east side of the intersection. Both crosswalks are connected to established sidewalks at either side of the streets.



With new developments on Church Street, it is anticipated that traffic volumes and patterns may change and have an impact on the volume and flow of traffic at this intersection. Potentially this could include an increase in pedestrian traffic using this intersection. As a result, there has been some attention given to adding a crosswalk that traverses Church Street near Cedar Drive to enable pedestrians to access the sidewalk that runs down the east side of Church Street and towards town.

While traffic does get busy at this intersection, there are relatively few problems noted. Its design allows traffic on Robert Angus Drive to make left-hand turns and vehicle flow is fairly consistent with minimal delays from any direction.

As current developments in the area are nearing completion, it is important to monitor this area for any changes that may indicate a developing risk and to take actions to mitigate that risk. This may include changes to the intersection traffic controls or even a design change that would meet the need for that area.

As Traffic Authority for the Town of Amherst, I am recommending that there be no changes to this intersection at this time, but recommend we continue to monitor for any developing risks or concerns.