

an intersection, it doesn't just mean that: better hit the gas and go through it. But, we also must consider our school buses and the lives that are in danger. When these little kids are getting on and off the school buses – everything we can do to improve that safety, we must do.

I remember last week, the minister mentioned about the trial of putting the revolving light on the back of a school bus. That's a good step. We talked about maybe putting flashing lights at the very front of the bus down by the grill. Anything we can do to improve road safety when it comes to school buses, we should be moving forward.

Law enforcement plays a big part in this and we need to support our law enforcement community; we need to have all agencies working together, whether it be the Conservation Officer with Highway Safety Officers, into the RCMP and into our city police departments. It's a collaborative approach and these individuals do work very strongly.

One thing I suggested last week in standing committee was – we talked about education. I think that government really needs to take a step up and look at advertising our safety programs on social media. We see paid announcements on Twitter and we see them on Facebook; maybe that's another step that the government would consider, that we start seeing safety advertisements when it comes to road safety, also on social media.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The hon. Leader of the Third Party.

Dr. Bevan-Baker: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I also welcome the minister's statement as I did welcome the minister's statement last evening, just as we were ready to go home. I chose to stay here in town, and indeed my wife, who drove into town this morning from Crapaud, said that there were several cars off the road between here. So, I thank you for your warning last night; I always listen to what you say, minister, and I appreciate that.

I also – it's kind of relevant to the response I just gave to the Minister of Health and

Wellness, that to a large extent, the safety on our roads is our personal responsibility, absolutely. Government can do many things to improve that, from enforcement to good road design, to making sure that the roads are well cleared – all of the things that make the conditions as good as they possibly can, but ultimately, it's the responsibility of each of us who gets behind the wheel of a car, to recognize that we are driving, potentially, a lethal weapon. We need to take that responsibility. I appreciate the minister's recommendation of winter tires. Absolutely, that's something that we should all do, and I hope by now, most Islanders have them on there.

One thing that I'd like to talk about before I sit down, is that we're continuing to build more roads. We are adding more kilometers of roads to our Island system, here. All of those kilometers need to be cleared; they need to be up kept. That puts increasing strain on the resources of the plow drivers, the sanders and the grader – everybody who looks after the roads. We have to remember that, that when add new kilometers of highway, unless we increase the budget for that, then we are taking away the safety potential or the potential for safe roads on those that already exist. We are a province already with the largest number of kilometers per person. I believe that we should be looking after the roads we have, not adding more roads. The future of driving is not necessarily more cars and more people; we have driverless automobiles coming our way, we have apps which will allow really fine public transit and I believe, and many studies are suggesting, that we're not going to need more roads in the future because there is not going to be that increased traffic.

So yes, I welcome the announcement, but let's look to the future and make sure that we look after the roads that are currently here.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker: The hon. Minister of Economic Development and Tourism.

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Mr. Palmer: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.