

UPDATED: Newton crash claims life

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Icy Island roads have claimed another life.



A 31-year-old woman from the Emerald area was killed early Wednesday morning when her vehicle left Route #111 in that community and struck a tree.

Though its investigation into the incident is ongoing, the RCMP said Wednesday afternoon that distracted driving combined with the icy road conditions of the morning are believed to have caused the crash.

“The one we had today involved black ice conditions and also the use of a cell phone – and that resulted in a death,” said RCMP Staff Sergeant Ken Spenceley.

The driver of the vehicle, identified as Jodi Lidstone, a mother of three, was the only person in the vehicle when it left the road at about 5:40 a.m.

This is the second fatality on Island roads this week. Both were in Prince County and RCMP said icy roads played a part in both incidents.

Diane M. Arsenault of Palmer Road was the victim in the first incident which happened Monday. The 59-year-old Palmer Road resident died in a crash on Route 14 in Christopher Cross, just outside Tignish.

A father and son, Kevin Dale O'Halloran, 45, of Lady Fane, and Johnathan Kevin O'Halloran, 24, of Summerside, died in a single-vehicle crash in late September in the same area of Newton as Wednesday's incident.

Newton Roundabout

- The existing intersection has a high rate of non-compliance with the stop-control legs due to the surrounding rural landscape.
- Ten year collision report (2006-2015) indicates a total of 19 accidents including four fatalities in the vicinity of the intersection.
- This roundabout is expected to improve safety and efficiency at this intersection over the existing four-leg intersection which has a two-way stop control.
- Travelling speeds will be reduced with the construction of the rural roundabout. Speed management application will be installed on the approached roads also.

Father and son died in Newton crash

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The RCMP is continuing its investigation into the incident.

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Donations in Kevin's memory can be made to the Children's International Memorial Place at Scales Pond.

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Roundabout coming for intersection of Newton and Scales Pond roads

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A roundabout is planned for the rural intersection of Newton and Scales Pond Roads. There have been a number of serious crashes in the area in recent years and the province is hopeful the change will increase safety. - Ryan Ross

A dangerous intersection in a rural area near Kinkora is slated for a facelift.

A roundabout is being planned for the intersection of the Newton and Scales Pond roads, where nearly 20 crashes have occurred since 2006.

The province recently issued a tender for the project and plans to hold a public meeting sometime in mid-May to discuss alignment, process and timelines with local residents and businesses. Work is expected to begin this summer.

There are currently stop signs with flashing red lights on the Newton Road sides of the intersection.

Mayor Pat Duffy of the Rural Municipality of Kinkora welcomed news of the project.

“There has been a number of accidents over the past number of years at that intersection,” said Murphy.

“There’s a lot of farm traffic. It’s probably the highest traffic point for farming, coming and going, on the Island, actually. So to increase safety there would be a wonderful thing and I think roundabouts do that.”

Borden-Kinkora MLA Jamie Fox raised the issue in the Provincial Legislature Thursday. The Opposition member said he’d been contacted by local farmers concerned about navigating their large equipment through a roundabout.

“Is there any way we could postpone that roundabout or have discussions between Department of Agriculture and Department of Transportation to delay that build until we have a lot of consultation with the farmers in that area?” asked Fox.

Minister of Transportation Paula Bigger replied that, given the number of tragedies at or near the intersection in question, it was slated for a roundabout to increase safety. She added that the designers will take its rural nature into account and that a public meeting would be held.

She was hesitant, however, to postpone the project.

“The concern would be if we do postpone it and there is a fatality there as a result of it, then it comes back to ‘well you should have put that (roundabout) in this year.’”

Bert Webster, who farms potatoes in the area, said he would not be in favour of putting a roundabout at that intersection.

Farmers want the road to be safe, he said, but he would rather see the province install even more visible signage, rather than spend however much they’d need to build the roundabout.

“They’ve put a light in there, a white light in the corner, and some other street lights, and I don’t think there’s been any accidents since they did that,” said Webster.

According to the Department of Transportation, between 2006 and 2015 there have been 19 crashes, including four fatalities, near that intersection.

An exact date for the public meeting will announced in the coming weeks.

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Thank you for your letter regarding road improvements to Route 3 from Pooles Corner to Georgetown.

I understand from our Capital Projects division that this work is a part of our 2019 road program.

The work next year will include 2.5 kilometers from Pooles Corner to Roseneath and involves milling, earth excavation and widening of the road structure. It will also include 2 metres of paved shoulder and asphalt strengthening.

An additional 3.4 kilometres into Georgetown will be completed within the following two years.

If you require further information, please contact Stephen Pigott, Regional Engineer at 902 368 5924.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paula'.

Paula Biggar
Minister

Cc: The Honourable Premier Wade MacLauchlan