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His Worship Bruce Decoux  
Mayor  
Municipality of Crowsnest Pass  
P. O. Box 600  
Crowsnest Pass, AB T0K 0E0

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Dear Mayor Decoux:

At our August 15, 2011 meeting I indicated that I would reconfirm to the municipality the future alignment of Highway 3 within the municipal boundaries. I am pleased to provide you and council with the following information.

Highway 3 is part of the National Highway System which the department is protecting and planning for a future freeway classification with access only through interchanges and a design speed of 130 kilometres per hour. The Highway 3X alignment has been gazetted since 1979, with the last review of Highway 3X in 2009 undertaken to establish the right-of-way requirements through the Luscar Lands. This review also identified two interchange locations for the Coleman bypass, west of Sentinel and west of Blairmore where Highway 3X meets the current Highway 3 alignment. This review remains as a draft.

Today, the original Highway 3X remains the alignment the department continues to work towards ultimately constructing as we are purchasing property when it becomes available. As discussed previously with council, there may be a phased approach of initially constructing a two lane truck bypass of Coleman to improve overall highway operations in this area. The exact timing of any construction phase will depend on funding availability.

A copy of the Highway 3X alignment and timeline can be found at the following link:  
<http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/Content/docType182/Production/Original3Xroute.pdf>  
A hard copy of this alignment is also attached with this letter for your records.

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with council and I look forward to working with the municipality in the future to address transportation concerns.

Yours truly,



Darrell Camplin, P.Eng.  
Regional Director

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Enclosure