

## **Backgrounder**

## Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure - La Loche

Our government is committed to improving infrastructure in the La Loche region. This year \$52.4 million will be invested in Northern highways, a 70% increase from 10 years ago. Near La Loche over \$1 million in capital improvements will be made to Highway 155 this year.

Additionally, in February of this year Premier Wall wrote Premier Notley to propose the completion of Highway 956, connecting La Loche to Fort MacMurray. Completing the project requires 70 kilometres (km) of new road. Of the remaining 70 km, 61 are in Alberta and 9 are in Saskatchewan.

Premier Notley indicated their commitment to the project remains, but it is not on their current 3 year road construction plan.

Our government is committed to completing the Saskatchewan portion of the project once the Government of Alberta begins the construction of their portion.