



NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM WILL AID FIREFIGHTERS

Emergency vehicles will be able to pass through Rothesay intersections more easily thanks to the introduction of the Opticom Priority Control System. Kennebecasis Valley Firefighters are looking forward to safer traffic flow and improved response times with this new system.

The system is in use in many other Canadian Municipalities and was activated at the 4 major intersection in Rothesay and Quispamsis on the Hampton Road in December 2005. All of Rothesay's Campbell Drive intersections will be installed with the Opticom System in 2006.

The emergency vehicle operator responding to a call activates the Opticom System before reaching the intersection. The system gives emergency priority over other traffic by providing a safe "green light" corridor along the emergency response route.

If the traffic signal is green it will remain green until the emergency vehicle passes through the intersection. If the traffic signal is red, it will change to green clearing the waiting vehicles before the emergency vehicle arrives at the intersection thus clearing the way for a quicker response.

The Opticom Priority Control System was manufactured by 3M Canada Inc. and was installed by both Rothesay and Quispamsis.

The three remaining intersections in Rothesay which will be activated later in 2006 are: Campbell Drive / Marr Road, Campbell Drive / Superstore, Campbell Drive / Millennium Drive.