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I was pleased to hear that there was a committee formed to look at traffic safety in Saskatchewan.

I would like to address a couple of issues that I think would help with the number of accidents.

First is driver attitude. You do not have to travel very far before you see drivers that are putting themselves and others at risk. I regularly travel from Rocanville to Maryfield on highways 8 and 48. I travel at the posted speed. When traveling this route I cannot think of a time that there has not been issues with other drivers putting people at risk. Some of the things that will happen are people passing on double lines, passing on curves, passing on hills and there is no end to people speeding under all road conditions. I have been following a highway snow plow on highway 16 keeping back from the snow storm when a car pulled out and passed me and the plow in 0 visibility. I live in Rocanville and when you drive downtown you have to keep your head on a swivel as people will cross over centerline to park on the other side as well as back out onto the far side of the street.

What needs to be done to correct these issues in enforcement of driving rules. This seems to have gone by the wayside. Very **seldom do you see a law enforcement officer on the road**. About the only time you see them is at the scene of an accident. I could not tell you when I have seen an officer who has someone stopped. If you read the local papers that publish an RCMP report there are few if any highway related tickets issued. Every now and then they advertise an enforcement blitz for a day or a weekend, but this is not good enough. They must be more visible.

The second issue is the lack of mowing of the shoulder of our highway shoulders. Surely the few bales that are harvested to not nearly outweigh the cost of human life and collisions payouts that could be prevented if one could only see animals approaching the road in time. At one time the Department of Highways would mow these shoulders a few times a year. That is no longer done. Now many of these highways do not see a mower until October. The vegetation is so high you have no chance of seeing an animal coming onto the road. At night you are driving in a tunnel as your lights cannot light the shoulder or ditch.

I thank you for taking time with this issue.

Doug Longman