

**WHY DOES A  NOT USE THEIR RED FLASHING LIGHTS IN THE CITY OF RED DEER?**

**Red Deer City By-Law 3186/97**

“Restricts the use of the 8 -way flashing light system on all City school buses. Though City school buses are restricted from the operation of their flashing light system, Red Deer Public Schools urges all drivers to slow down and use caution when passing a stopped school bus. It is important to remember that when driving in the County of Red Deer, all County school buses must have their 8 -way flashing light system in operation. This means that all drivers must stop behind the County school bus when these lights are on. This is the law!”

**The following is an excerpt from a former Minister of Transportation’s letter:**

*“In some low speed urban situations, it is better to require students on school buses to use existing traffic controls such as stop signs or signals and crosswalks than to depend on school bus warning lights for protection. Where well marked intersections and roadways are present, it is actually safer to use those markings and devices than to use flashing school bus lights. With this in mind, the amendment authorizes... urban centres... to pass a bylaw that exempts school buses from the requirement to use alternately flashing lamps on any street or roadway.”*

