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WI Fights for Light

The fight for a street light was long and hard, but the determined and dedicated ladies of the Annan Women's Institute persevered.

In 1993, letters were written by the Institute to the Grey County Highways Department for a light at the busy intersection of Highway 26 and Grey County Road 20. Due to minimal response, more letters were sent. The Annan WI waited patiently, hoping for no tragedies in the interim. The road in question connects with Highway 26 on the side of a hill, making visibility treacherous.

Then, in 1996, a letter was written to the local newspaper by an Annan WI member. This letter initiated a response. Local officials agreed to meet with not only the Annan WI, but also with the Bothwell Corner WI and the Sydenham and St. Vincent Farmers Club. Together the groups planned strategies to raise funds for the light.

On Labour Day weekend in 1996 these groups along with local residents held a toll booth, stopping traffic for donations. The plan was to hold the toll again, if more funds were needed. But this was not necessary. Local donations exceeded all expectations. Thank you Sydenham Township residents. The funds were given to the Grey County officials and matched to pay for the installation and light.

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A cool shot for a hot summer's day - A dedication service was held at the intersection of Highway 26 and Grey County Road 20 with a plaque commemorating the work and diligence of Annan and Bothwell Corner WI and Sydenham and St. Vincent Farmers Club. Annan WI President Gwen Mitchell unveiled the plaque marking the new traffic light. Grey-Owen Sound MPP Bill Murdoch read the inscription.

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