Carlboo Regional District

Esler Community Residents Williams Lake, B.C., V2G 4Y2

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To Whom It May Concern:

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## Support for the Esler Sports Complex New Access Road and Parking Upgrade Project

The residents of the Esler community fully support the proposed new access road to connect the Esler Sports Complex directly to Highway 20 with a new intersection planned for near the Bond Lake Road turn off.

The proposed road will greatly decrease traffic on Hodgson Road for the benefit of residents who live there by providing a shorter, safer, more efficient access to the sports fields directly from Highway 20. The upgrades will also include paving a new road through the complex so that dust will be less of an issue for the surrounding area as it has been in years passed. The planned route leaves a large buffer zone of trees between the proposed road and private residences, further insulating neighbours from high volume traffic noise.

The goal of the proposed road is to increase the overall benefit of the Esler Sports Complex to nearby residents as well as people visiting the sports complex. While the complex has served as an important venue for sporting activities, it has also exposed our local community to issues such as traffic congestion, noise and air pollution emanating for increased traffic volume on unpaved access roads and parking lots. Re-routing of traffic directly to the sports complex through the proposed road and parking area improvements will help to resolve such issues and improve the capacity of the complex to serve our region.

By signing this open letter, I hereby express my support for the proposed new access road to connect the Esler Sports Complex directly to Highway 20.

Sincerely,

The above support petition was circulated by the Esler Community Association and received 98 signatures from the neighbourhood.