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Buck Ridge Community Association C/O Dave Wall, President 10281 Lee Road Quesnel, BC V2J 6R6



Re: West Fraser Road Washouts - Project Update

Dear Buck Ridge Community,

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) would like to provide an update regarding the status of West Fraser Road. Our project team has worked diligently and significant progress has been made since our previous letter dated November 1, 2018.

MoTI's engineers and other technical professionals are looking at options to re-establish regular service for affected residents. Geotechnical, hydrological, environmental and archaeological assessments have progressed significantly. The design engineers have developed a number of conceptual design options, including options on the east and west sides of Narcosli Creek and options higher up the mountain plateau on the west side of the Fraser River. These options are being refined and analyzed and cost estimates are now being developed. Once this work is completed, MoTI will be seeking feedback from users of West Fraser Road.

As our geotechnical engineers have continued their assessments, it has become increasingly clear that there are severe and widespread geotechnical instability issues surrounding the Narcosli Creek valley. Attached as *APPENDIX I* is a terrain hazard map of the area, which shows the extent of the geotechnical challenges. Beginning in January 2019, GeoNorth Engineering will be initiating an extensive drilling program for geotechnical investigation of the area. They will utilize specialized drilling equipment to access the remote site by helicopter and drill at least 8-12 holes in key locations.

We apologize for not meeting the commitment of late fall for the presentation of these options and we appreciate your patience in the matter. We will be presenting options to the public in early 2019 and will be notifying the community once we are ready to confirm a specific date. The ultimate design will be the permanent route and it is critical that we undertake this work to make informed decisions.

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Web Address: www.gov.bc.ca/tran Road Information: www.drivebc.ca For more information on the status of the project, please visit MoTI's webpage for this specific project. It has recently been updated and will be updated again as soon as new information becomes available.

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/projects/west-fraser-road-flood-recovery?keyword=west&keyword=fraser&keyword=road

If you have any questions about this letter or other local works, please contact me at (250) 991-1424. If you have questions or concerns about the technical aspects of the project, please contact Rampaul Dulay at (250) 852-5906. If you would like to request maintenance or report an unsafe road condition, please contact Emcon at (250) 992-8809.

Regards,

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