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Buck Ridge Community Association C/O Dave Wall 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. The project team continues to make progress in defining options to re-establish regular service for affected residents.

On January 17, 2019, the project team met in Kamloops to discuss the status of the project with senior MoTI staff. These discussions focused on reviewing alignment strategies and funding. Since that meeting, the team has reached out to Public Safety Canada (PSC) to discuss potential federal funding opportunities for the project. As a result of those discussions, the team is now in the process of putting together a business case for cost-share funding considerations that will be presented to PSC at a face to face meeting in the near future.

In the meantime, geotechnical investigations of the Narcosli Creek area continue. GeoNorth Engineering has recently initiated preparatory work for drilling and test pitting in the area to determine the ground conditions, assess soil stability and constructability for various proposed alignments. This work will be ongoing for the next few months and results will be made available to the public in future project updates.

MoTI remains committed to returning to the local community and road users to present project options in the coming months. At this time, a date has not been selected for such a meeting, as the project team requires geotechnical data to prove out and estimate costs for a preferred option. MoTI's goal for this public meeting is to ensure that it will be informative and productive for all participants. Therefore, it would be premature to hold the meeting at this juncture. However, as soon as the above mentioned process is complete, the date, time and venue for the public information session will be announced.

For more information on the status of the project, please visit MoTI's webpage for this specific project.

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 the Project Manager, Rampaul Dulay at (250) 852-5906. If you would like to request maintenance or report an unsafe road condition, please contact the local Road and Bridge Maintenance Contractor, Emcon Services at (250) 992-8809.

We appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter as we continue to work towards the re-establishment of regular service to your community via West Fraser Road.

Regards,

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