



Cariboo Regional District
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Margo A. Wagner, Chair
Cariboo Regional District
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Reference: 289045
Your File: 400-20

Dear Chair Wagner,

Re: West Fraser Road

Thank you for your letter of September 25, 2019, regarding the West Fraser Road Flood Recovery Project.

I recognize the challenges that the closure of West Fraser Road presents for area residents, and I appreciate your advocacy on their behalf.

The ministry is working hard to repair the road as soon as possible. Field work started as soon as safely possible after the event and continues to this date. We have completed preliminary design work on the preferred alignment (option four) that was presented at the ministry's spring 2019 open house, and work on the final detailed design is underway. Property acquisition plans are also being developed.

We have submitted a business case to the federal government requesting eligibility for Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements funding for the preferred alignment. Since making this submission, the ministry has had positive discussions with our federal counterparts.

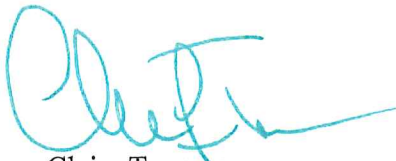
The detailed design will refine the scope of the project and prepare it for tendering, once funding approvals have been confirmed. While design work continues, the ministry will be completing archaeological and environmental impact assessments, as well as a hydrotechnical assessment of the preferred alignment. As soon as these assessments are completed, the ministry will apply for all necessary permits.

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If you want to discuss this matter further, do not hesitate to contact the ministry's local District Manager, Todd Hubner. He can be reached by phone at 250 398-4519 or by email at Todd.Hubner@gov.bc.ca and would be pleased to speak with you.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Trevena
Minister

Copy to: Todd Hubner, District Manager
Cariboo District

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E-MAILED
Sept 26, 2019

September 25, 2019

VIA EMAIL: Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Claire Trevena
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Dear Minister Trevena:

Re: West Fraser Road

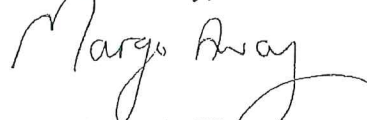
As you are aware, a portion of West Fraser Road along Narcosli Creek washed out during the freshet of 2018. The area of washout has been found to have geotechnical challenges, and reconstruction is a challenge. Your Ministry has been working on this issue and has proposed a solution.

However, it has come to our attention that the proposed remedy to the West Fraser Road washout might not take place in 2020 and may be delayed for years.

This washout is having a detrimental impact on the residents in the area. They are having to travel for a longer time over challenging roads. It has been shared with us that school children are having to spend hours on a school bus in order to access education. Lastly, emergency services, namely BC Ambulances Services are travelling further before they can help those in need.

We ask that the Province commit to the procurement and reconstruction of West Fraser Road in 2020. The community needs to have reasonable access restored as soon as possible.

Yours truly,



Margo A. Wagner
Chair

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Donna Barnett, MLA, Cariboo-Chilcotin
Jim Glassford, Director, Electoral Area I