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Attached is a letter addressed to the Minister of Transportation Ms Claire Trevena from the Deep Creek Farmers Institute as a result of a road tour Rene and I did with the area manager for Transportation Mr Ken Namislo on Friday last week on Deep Creek Rd. I ask that this letter be received by the board of directors of the CSRD and be placed on the agenda of your next board meeting. Any assistance your board can lend to our request for increased funding for the provincially funded rural roads in our area would be appreciated.

Thanks

Lorne Hunter

President of the Deep Creek Farmers Institute

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Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Ms. Claire Trevena

Dear Madame Minister

The Deep Creek Farmer's Institute on behalf of our community has been working with the local Area manager for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Mr. Ken Namislo for the past year identifying deficiencies in the care, maintenance, and repair of our rural road. It has been a long process but we have had success in getting the woody brush growth cleared from the road right of ways improving line of sight for the vehicle traffic. The ditching of the roads edge this past spring and just this past week spent the afternoon identifying several cross road culverts that are damaged, plugged or collapsed and bridges that are impeding spring snow melt run off. Each of these impediments have caused road safety issues each of the past three springs with unnecessary flooding of the road way. As well have been the root cause of several dangerous accidents this past year.

The reason for writing this letter in spite the good working relation with Mr. Namislo, we have come upon a road block for further improving the road repair of our rural agricultural based road. Funding! There is no funding beyond the occasional pot hole filling and not much of that. Deep Creek Road, a 18k long road situated halfway from Salmon Arm and Enderby running south from Highway 97B is an alternate route to Armstrong and Vernon when there are road blockages or traffic accidents on Highways 97 A or B. Deep Creek is a narrow rural valley where agriculture predominates the land and road use with the moving of feed and supplies into our farms and food products out. There is also a large commuter traffic trying to avoid the traffic congestions of summer traffic thru Enderby, combined this with the school bus route and our road being promoted by Shuswap Tourism as a unique country ride for cyclists. There are four local cyclist organizations that use this road as the primary route for their annual 100km tours. All these traffic uses are influenced by the poor road surface conditions greatly impacting road safety.

Road repairs of the road surface for the past five years has been limited to cold asphalt patching on only the worst pot holes and cracks. The collapse of the road base has caused long stretches of the road to crumble into cobble stones of asphalt that are now breaking away. We have identified the worst 5 km of road with Mr. Namislo but a very strong argument can be made for the repair of the rest of the

road. The 1970's road construction due to the long term lack of maintenance is no longer meeting the 2018's requirements for road traffic

Our Farmer's Institute is very willing to continue working with your Ministry staff to identify road conditions that are in need of works. But the main thrust of this letter is to identify the extreme need of improved funding for the provincially funded rural roads. Deep Creek Road is not the only road that is in this deplorable condition. The economies of our rural cities are dependent on it's farmers getting their food products to market and that requires functioning safe roads.

We can provide you with pictures of the road issues if you so desire but feel local Ministry staff understand the problem adequately. We look forward to working with you to securing funding for the repair and maintenance of our rural roads.

Respectfully yours

Lorne Hunter

President of the Deep Creek Farmers Institute.

Copies of this letter sent to

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Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

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