



SEP 21 2018

Rhona Martin, Chair  
Columbia Shuswap Regional District  
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Dear Chair Martin,

**Re: Road Maintenance**

Thank you for your letter regarding the maintenance of rural roads in the Shuswap area, particularly Deep Creek Road and roads in the Salmon Valley. I am sorry it has taken me so long to respond.

The ministry prioritizes resurfacing projects for rural roads based on many factors, including a route's condition and use, the available resources, the existence of other competing priorities and whether the project can be coordinated with other local projects to maximize the value for taxpayers. Ministry staff assess every road in a region twice each year and develop a resurfacing plan for the following year that ensures the most urgent needs are addressed first.

Deep Creek Road is a high priority for resurfacing. Local staff will assess the road in the near future for potential resurfacing in 2019, based on funding availability and other local road improvement priorities. The ministry's local Area Manager, Ken Namislo, is also working with the Deep Creek Farmers Institute to identify and further address some of the local concerns. This fall, the ministry plans to install a cross culvert on Deep Creek Road to address road flooding issues and clear culverts on both Deep Creek Road and Schoolhouse Roads. These two roads will also undergo significant reconstruction later this year to repair freshet damage. Road shoulder drops are also an issue at several locations on these routes, and the ministry is working with our maintenance contractor to find a permanent solution.

Salmon River Road is another of the ministry's highest priorities for resurfacing in the District. It was scheduled for resurfacing in 2017 and again in 2018, but the project was postponed to coordinate with the Salmon River Road Bike Lane project. As you may know, the design of the bike lane has progressed to a separated bike lane, and the ministry plans to resurface Salmon River Road during the 2019 paving season.

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Chair Martin  
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Ministry staff will follow up with the Regional District to confirm which roads will be scheduled for resurfacing in 2019, as soon as the resurfacing plan is confirmed. In the meantime, if you have any questions about road conditions or maintenance in the region, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Namislo. He can be reached at 250 833-3378 or at [Ken.Namislo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ken.Namislo@gov.bc.ca) and would be pleased to assist you.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Claire Trevena', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Claire Trevena  
Minister

Copy to: Ken Namislo, Area Manager, Roads  
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