

Committee Report to Council

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Date: May 29, 2025

To: Mayor and Council

Name and title: Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

Subject: Quesnel-Hixon Road Restoration

Attachment(s):

1. Correspondence from Tamara Goyer, President, and Judy Radysh, Co-President, Quesnel-Hixon Road Restoration Association: Request for a Letter in Support of the Rebuilding of the Quesnel-Hixon Alternate Route to/from Quesnel and Prince George;
2. Quesnel-Hixon Road Update dated January 24, 2025.

Recommendation(s):

That Council DIRECTS staff to provide a support letter for the rebuilding of the Quesnel-Hixon Road to the Minister of Transportation and Transit as further detailed in the report titled "Quesnel-Hixon Road Restoration" from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, dated May 29, 2025.

Purpose:

At the March 24, 2025, Council meeting, Council referred the attached correspondence for consideration of advocacy to the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs.

Background:

The Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs considered the request for a letter of support at the meeting held on May 6, 2025 and recommends that Council proceed with sending a letter of support for the rebuilding of the Quesnel-Hixon Road to the Minister of Transportation and Transit, as well as copies to the Ministers listed in the correspondence and Tom Kearns, Project Manager.

According to the Quesnel-Hixon Road Update (attached), the route was closed to through traffic in 2021 following a landslide event and due to the high replacement costs, plans are being developed to permanently close a 400 metre (m) section and to decommission the Cottonwood River Canyon Bridge.

This route is important for local traffic and provides an alternate route from Quesnel to Prince George which aids in providing detours and maintaining supply chain access when Highway 97 is closed for various reasons and as such, is of concern to the City.

Summary and conclusion:

This report suggests an action for Council consideration based on referred correspondence.

Respectfully submitted:

Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

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Meeting date: 2025/06/09