



July 14, 2025

His Worship
Mayor Simon Yu
City of Prince George
1100 Patricia Boulevard
Prince George BC V2L 3V9

Reference: 334747

Dear Mayor Yu:

Re: Quesnel-Hixon Road and Cottonwood River Canyon Bridge

Thank you for your letter of June 11, 2025, regarding Quesnel-Hixon Road between Quesnel and Prince George.

As you know, a landslide during the 2021 freshet resulted in the loss of approximately 400 metres of Quesnel-Hixon Road. This section of the road and the Cottonwood River Canyon Bridge were closed for public safety while long-term solutions were explored. After extensive planning, geotechnical investigations and analysis of multiple options, we decided to permanently close the affected section of the road and take the Cottonwood River Canyon Bridge out of service to ensure public safety and manage taxpayer funds wisely.

In the Quesnel-Hixon Area, alternate routes, such as Olson Road, continue to provide access to Highway 97 for residents north of the slide and accommodate current traffic volumes. The ministry is evaluating potential safety improvements to existing roads in the area—including road strengthening, resurfacing, an intersection upgrade and bridge rehabilitation—and is currently engaging with the community through a Community Liaison Group to discuss these options and gather local input.

We meanwhile continue to make progress on other Cariboo Road Recovery Projects. The safety and drainage improvements along [Highway 97 at Cuisson Creek](#) are complete. [Soda Creek-MacAlister Road](#) remains open to traffic, with further improvement work planned for later this year as part of ongoing enhancements. Construction is underway along [Highway 97 at Cottonwood Hill](#), as well as at [Blackwater Road at Knickerbocker Road](#). Construction on the [Kersley-Dale Landing Road](#) project is scheduled to begin in the coming months, while ministry staff continue to work on advancing the [Highway 20 at Hodgson/Dog Creek Road](#) project.

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In addition, construction is expected to begin this summer on the [Bastin Road at Bastin Hill](#) project, which will restore the road as a safe and resilient two-lane route. Work on the [Quesnel-Hydraulic Road Project](#), which will realign and restore the route to modern standards, is expected to begin as early as spring 2026.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Greg Bruce, Director of the Cariboo Road Recovery Projects. He can be reached at 250 645-9629 or Greg.Bruce@gov.bc.ca and would be pleased to assist you.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



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