

## **Highway 97 Road Safety, Maintenance, Upgrades and Infrastructure**

**Whereas:** Highway 97 is the longest transportation corridor in the Americas running North – South, from Alaska, through the Yukon Territory, into British Columbia, the United States of America, Mexico and South America,

**And Whereas:** the British Columbia part of highway 97 has been ignored through successive governments both Provincial and Federal, and requires Safety Upgrades, better Maintenance and Repairs, Expansion of, and Infrastructure Development, to facilitate the stated goals of both the Provincial and Federal Governments for transporting goods, like Agriculture Products, Forestry Resources, Minerals and other Mining Extractions to International Markets. Keep Accesses need to be kept open to Oil, Gas and Hydro right of ways, Alternative routes are necessary when sections of the main Highway are closed (like the Quesnel- Hixon and Durrell Roads), relief from bottlenecks near cities like Quesnel (new route around Quesnel and Replace the Taylor River Bridge), and Safety in all weather conditions for the general motoring public and truck transportation.

**Therefore Be It Resolved:** that NCLGA, UBCM, and FCM work with both the Province of British Columbia and the Federal Government of Canada to Maintain, Repair, Upgrade Road Safety Issues, and Expand and Develop the Road Infrastructure of Highway 97.

**And Be It Further Resolved:** NCLGA request that UBCM and FCM insist that the \$1.2 Billion Allocated through the 2020 – 2021 Natural Disaster Financial Assistance Financing from the Government of Canada to the Province of British Columbia for the 10 Road Recovery Projects in the Cariboo be spent on repairing all of the roads identified, including the Quesnel – Hixon Road and Durrell Road.

**Submitted by:** the Cariboo Regional District