

**Date:** April 29, 2026

**To:** Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

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

**Subject:** Highway 97 Road Safety, Maintenance, Upgrades and Infrastructure

**Attachment(s):** 1. Resolution from Cariboo Regional District

**Recommendation(s):**

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated April 29, 2026 from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, titled “Highway 97 Road Safety, Maintenance, Upgrades and Infrastructure”.

**Purpose:**

This report supports committee conversation on a resolution from the Cariboo Regional District regarding safety, maintenance, upgrades and infrastructure on Highway 97.

**Background:**

The Cariboo Regional District (CRD) is advocating for urgent safety upgrades, improved maintenance and infrastructure development on Highway 97 to address long-term neglect, hazardous conditions and bottleneck issues. The proposed resolution demands provincial and federal action to ensure reliable transportation for goods and people, including better infrastructure for landslide-prone areas along the route.

The CRD is actively working with the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA), the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to pressure the provincial and federal governments for improvements. These improvements include an ask of \$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 the roads identified, including the Quesnel – Hixon Road and Durrell Road.

The full resolution is attached for reference.

**Strategic Priorities:**

This aligns with councils’ strategy to modernize and maintain critical infrastructure to support growth and safety.

Summary and conclusion:

This report provides content for discussion to support the resolution for Highway 97 maintenance and safety.

Respectfully submitted:

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