

October 30, 2024

Via email: Minister.MOTI@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Rob Flemming, MLA
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Re: Letter of Support - Closure of the Quesnel-Hixon Road

Dear Minister Flemming;

At the October 22, 2024, Regular Meeting of Quesnel City Council, Council resolved:

L.1) Receive Council Information Package - Issue #11

24-21-252 MOVED Councillor Elliott, Seconded Councillor Vik and resolved: THAT Quesnel City Council directs Staff to draft a letter addressed to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, in support of Regional District Fraser-Fort George's concerns regarding the permanent closure of a portion of the Quesnel-Hixon Road, noting that the City of Quesnel's top priority remains the North South Interconnector project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The City of Quesnel received a letter from the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George that raised concerns about the August 13, 2024, announcement of the decision to permanently close a 400-metre section of the Quesnel-Hixon Road and decommission the Cottonwood Canyon River Bridge.

The City of Quesnel acknowledges the importance of the Quesnel-Hixon Road as an alternate route between Quesnel and Prince George when Highway 97 is closed as there are very few alternate roads that residents, travelers, industry, and emergency vehicles can utilize at this time. It is also an important alternative evacuation route in case of an emergency, like wildfires, land movement or floods.

Mayor Ron Paull

Councillors Scott Elliott, Tony Goulet, Debra McKelvie, Laurey-Anne Roodenburg, Martin Runge, Mitch Vik,



The City also would request that the Province continue recognizing and pursuing the importance of the proposed North South Interconnector project. This investment in Highway 97 would see a rerouting of traffic that would significantly improve both safety and movement through the City of Quesnel's downtown and for millions of travelers annually who pass through this highway corridor.

The importance of transportation in the North is substantial, and the City of Quesnel is asking the province to take the steps necessary to advance important infrastructure investments for the benefit of all north central British Columbia.

Yours Sincerely,



Mayor Ron Paull
City of Quesnel

cc Regional District of Fraser-Fort George
Cariboo Regional District



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Chilako River-Nechako
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Salmon River-Lakes
Tabor Lake-Stone Creek
Willow River-Upper Fraser
Woodpecker-Hixon

September 26, 2024

The Honourable Rob Flemming, MLA
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister:

Re: Closure of the Quesnel-Hixon Road

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is concerned about the August 13, 2024 announcement of the decision to permanently close a 400 metre section of the Quesnel-Hixon Road and decommission the Cottonwood Canyon River Bridge.

At the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2024, the Board of Directors approved the following resolution:

"THAT the Regional District send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure expressing concerns regarding the closing of a section of the Quesnel-Hixon Road."

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George recognizes the importance of the Quesnel-Hixon Road in our region. It serves as an alternate route between Quesnel and Prince George when Highway 97 is closed in for road maintenance and traffic accidents and fatalities. Our residents and emergency services need the route for access and egress when threatened by fires, floods and landslides. The logging, mining, agricultural and transportation industry also use the road for the economic benefit of all British Columbians.

Sincerely,

Lara Beckett, Chair

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cc: Todd Doherty, MP Cariboo-Prince George
Coralee Oaks, MLA for Cariboo North
City of Quesnel
Cariboo Regional District
Greg Bruce, Ten Roads Recovery Projects