



February 24, 2025

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Government of Canada

Re: Upgrades to the Jasper National Park West Gate

Dear Minister Guilbeault,

On behalf of the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA), I am writing to highlight an urgent infrastructure concern and urge you to take immediate action in collaboration with Parks Canada to resolve a critical transportation bottleneck at the Jasper National Park West gate.

Highway 16 and Highway 5, collectively known as the Yellowhead Highway, serve as primary transportation corridors for British Columbia's supply chain, tourism sector, and local communities. These highways also function as the designated over-size route for industrial movements, supporting the economic vitality of the province. Given their significance, it is imperative that all infrastructure along this route is maintained to a standard that ensures the efficient movement of goods, services, and travelers.

Currently, all commercial truck traffic that enters Jasper National Park via the East gate must also exit through the West gate. While improvements have been completed at the East gate, the West gate remains inadequate to handle the high volume of commercial, industrial, and tourist traffic passing through the corridor. This inconsistency creates delays, increases operational inefficiencies, and poses potential safety risks.

To address this pressing concern, we call upon you to prioritize and implement infrastructure improvements at the Jasper National Park West gate. Upgrading this gate to a standard consistent with the improvements made at the East gate will ensure the continued safe and efficient movement of traffic, benefiting businesses, residents, and visitors alike.

We urge your Ministry to take decisive action and allocate the necessary resources to upgrade the West gate without further delay. Immediate steps are needed to ensure the safe and efficient movement of traffic through this critical corridor. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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NCLGA President

Cc: The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, Government of Canada,
The Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit, Government of British
Columbia, Lara Beckett, Chair, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George