



**FEB 28 2025**

Mr. Pete Pearson  
President  
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Dear Mr. Pearson and Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your correspondence of July 2, 2024, regarding the West Gate of Jasper National Park. I regret the delay in responding.

As Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Minister responsible for Parks Canada, I appreciate hearing directly from Canadians as I oversee these special places.

The Trans-Canada Yellowhead Highway is a vital route, and the Government of Canada recognizes the importance of this national transportation route and its role in facilitating a vibrant national economy from coast to coast. In the past seven years, significant improvements have been completed on this route within Jasper National Park to improve safety and the efficient flow of traffic. These include the redevelopment of the East Gate to include a through lane, the construction of three passing zones, new pavement, and the refurbishing of eight bridges and replacement of the Meadow Creek bridge west of the town of Jasper.

The West Gate is an important gateway for visitors to Canada's second-busiest national park. Parks Canada gate attendants have been trained to efficiently handle interactions and transactions with drivers who stop at the gates, to minimize queues and keep traffic moving. Parks Canada remains committed to improving the safety and efficiency of operations at the West Gate of Jasper National Park. Both short- and long-term solutions are being considered within the Jasper Field Unit's capital plan. Until permanent solutions are in place, all motorists are expected to obey traffic laws and speed limits and to drive with patience, courtesy and safety in mind when passing through park gates and driving in Jasper National Park.

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I appreciate your taking the time to share the resolution of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association and your interest in the improvement of Jasper National Park's transportation and visitor experience infrastructure. Following the devastating 2024 wildfire in Jasper, your comments, together with others received, will help inform and shape the rebuilding of this iconic national park.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steven Guilbeault', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P. (il/lui/he/him)