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Hi Melanie,

The RDOS wrote a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) regarding traffic control contractors within the jurisdictional boundaries of the RDOS often taking far longer than 2 hours to arrive on scene. This leaves the Fire Departments in a difficult position from the standpoint of liability and scene safety. If the Fire Department stays past the 2 hours, WorkSafeBC coverage no longer exists for the Firefighters. If the Fire Department stops providing traffic control on scene it may create a dangerous situation for personnel and travelers.

We also indicated that we would take the following actions until MOTT resources arrive on scene after the 2 hours have expired:

In future events when the traffic control contractors do not arrive on scene by the time 2-hours have elapsed the Fire Department will take the following actions:

- Close the road by placing apparatus across the roadway on both sides and keep all personnel within that area to secure the scene.
- Following the incident, the RDOS will invoice MOTT for the time beyond 2-hours, for all fire engines required to make the scene safe, at the rate dictated by the Emergency Management and Climate Readiness Road Rescue Agreement.

Our preference would be that the Ministry of Transportation and Transit would provide a long-term solution by enforcing an equipped response from the contracted road maintenance contractors within the first 2-hours of the report from the Fire Department.

The RDOS is requesting letters of support from First Nations, municipalities, regional districts,

and Fire Departments supporting our request for a meeting with the Minister at UBCM.

Can you please share this with the Regional District Fire Chiefs that were at the meeting on Monday. Also can you please bring this issue to the attention of the FCABC Board.

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