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Via E-mail

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Hon. Mike Farnworth
Ministry of Transportation and Transit
Hon. Kelly Greene
Minister of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness
Hon. Ravi Parmar
Minister of Forests
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC, V8V 1X4

Dear Ministers Farnworth, Greene, and Parmar,

Re: Westside Road, West Kelowna BC

I am writing to highlight safety concerns along Westside Road and surrounding communities.

Westside Road has long been recognized as one of the most dangerous roads in British Columbia, with a history of fatal accidents, landslides, wildfires and hazardous driving conditions. Despite previous investments and partial improvements, significant portions remain unsafe — particularly for residents, tourists and emergency responders.

The recent landslide, which closed the road and cut-off vital access, underscores the fragility of this infrastructure and the urgent need for comprehensive action. The closure of this critical corridor not only endangers public safety but also threatens the economic well-being and daily life of the West Kelowna region.

Residents and local leaders have repeatedly called for a long-term, coordinated solution to ensure that tragedies are prevented, not simply responded to after the fact. I urge your Ministries to address the following immediate priorities:

- Upgrades to Westside Road, addressing chronic safety hazards, including improved barriers, wider shoulders, and enhanced signage in high-risk areas.
- Proactive landslide and wildfire risk mitigation, including improved drainage, slope stabilization, and regular maintenance in vulnerable zones.
- Enhanced coordination with local governments and emergency services to ensure rapid response and clear communication during road closures and emergencies.



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In addition to the above-noted concerns along Westside Road, my office also receives frequent correspondence from affected constituents regarding:

- Paving on the Upper Fintry section, which poses safety and health concerns as well as damages to personal vehicles.
- Increased commercial vehicle traffic, questioning the weight restrictions, signage and encouraging sufficient patrols from CVSE.
- Timely and efficient snow removal and sanding, etc. during the winter months.
- Increased police presence, to patrol speeders and unsafe passing (on double solid lines).

Thank you for your attention to these critical matters. I am ready to work collaboratively with you to deliver the safety and reliability that users of Westside Road and local residents deserve.

Sincerely,

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