

BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFORMATION

DATE: October 29, 2012

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

MEETING: November 1 meeting with Penticton Indian Band (PIB) Chief Jonathan Kruger regarding issues of interest to the PIB.

ISSUE: PIB is interested in discussing a number of issues relating to economic development, safety, and s.16

SUMMARY:

The Minister is actively working with the band to address the issues and projects important to the band. s.16

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MoTI has a good working relationship with the band and is committed continuing to work through these issues and any future issues that may arise.

BACKGROUND:

Chief Kruger is interested in discussing matters related to:

- Access to the Channel Lands Project s.16
- Arrow Leaf Development Project,
- Green Mountain Road Community Safety Issues,
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DISCUSSION:

On October 6, 2011 PIB and MoTI met in Kamloops. The band raised the concerns noted above, and MoTI has been actively working on these issues. s.16

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Channel Lands Project

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In 2008, the band approached the province with a proposal to construct a bridge across the Okanagan River Channel and connect to Highway 97 at Green Avenue. The new crossing would replace the access road agreed to in 1994 and support the band's proposed development of the Channel Lands^{s.16, s.17, s.21}

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Arrow Leaf Development

The band has been working to initiate their Arrow Leaf Development on reserve lands immediately west of the Penticton Airport.

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Green Mountain Road Community Safety Issues

The Band identified concerns with pedestrian safety at the intersection of Highway 97 at Green Mountain Road and along Green Mountain Road from Highway 97 to Westhills Road, approximately 3 km west of Highway 97.

A safety assessment of the Highway 97 / Green Mountain Road intersection recommended the installation of pedestrian countdown timers and left turn signals for traffic turning off Highway 97. These improvements were installed in December 2011 and May 2012 respectively.

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