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Hi Todd:

I just spoke with a retired trucker who spent most of his working career driving the big rigs in the US .

He made an interesting suggestion based on his experience . He made reference to a freeway route 167 - which merges with the 405 - and told me they have a split toll, that is, travellers have the option of paying a toll depending on the level of urgency. Truckers, for example, could choose either lane. It was his feeling that such a system would increase the volume on the Port Mann but still ensure a satisfactory level of tolling revenue. I am passing this along for your possible consideration.

Regards,
Simon

Sent from my iPhone

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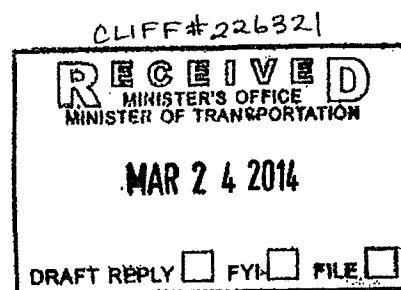


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March 20, 2014

Hon. Todd Stone
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Dear Minister:

Alpine Park Estates is a community in my riding which is part of a larger development called Sunshine Valley. It lies toward Manning Park, east of the site of Hope slide, and opposite three other slopes (called Slopes B, C and D). The Crowsnest Highway separates the three slopes to the north from Sunshine Valley to the south.

Alpine Park Estates has been there for about forty years and its residents have been attempting to stratify for a decade, just as other subdivisions in the Sunshine Valley have already done. However, in order for your Ministry's Approving Officer to accept an application, he must be satisfied that Slopes B, C and D pose no hazard to the residents. A geotechnical study to determine the hazard is quite expensive, which presents the 67 residents of Alpine Park with a dilemma. Do they pay for an expensive study, only to find out that there is indeed a hazard that would preclude an application? I am told that this is one of the more difficult stratification situations in the entire province.

To resolve this dilemma, I would point out that your Ministry's Approving Officer is convinced that Slopes B, C and D may pose a hazard to the residents of Alpine Park Estates. If so, the slopes must also pose an equal risk to all 450 residents of the larger community of Sunshine Valley, yet this risk has never been assessed. Moreover, other subdivisions were granted legal status long ago without a requirement to assess the risk. If a risk assessment is required to stratify today, perhaps it should also have been required yesterday.

As MLA, whether or not a community stratifies I think it is important to determine if my constituents in the Sunshine Valley are at risk from Slopes B, C and D. It is also important to treat them all equally in terms of legal process. A fair way to apportion the costs of assessing that risk, which are usually born equally by all stratified residents, would be for the Ministry itself to undertake the geotechnical work required to ensure that this entire, growing community is safe.

Thank you for your early consideration of the fairest possible resolution to this difficult, longstanding and important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurie Throne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Laurie Throne

c: Alpine Park Estates