

Event Information / Speaking Notes – Draft

Event: Summerland Lakeshore Pathway Improves Trail Network
When: 2:30 p.m. - Thursday, July 3, 2014
Where: Intersection of Lakeshore Drive at Highway 97, Summerland, B.C.
Contact:

- Anish Dwivedi (BC Government) – Cel: s.17
- Karen Jones, Confidential Secretary, Summerland Municipal Hall Ph: 250 404-4042

Length: 20 minutes

Key Participants:

- Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
- Dan Ashton, MLA for Penticton (Emcee)
- Janice Perrino, Mayor of Summerland

Audience Size: 10-20

Audience:

- Media, local dignitaries, ministry staff, stakeholders

Key messages:

- This new pathway will promote active transportation and contribute to the health and well-being of families and residents of Summerland for many years to come.
- The construction of this multi-use trail is an excellent example of our government's commitment to investing in infrastructure projects that create local jobs, promote sustainable growth, are good for the environment and build strong, liveable communities.
- I'm always pleased when the province can work together with local governments and community groups to promote healthy living for years to come."

Strategic links: Transportation infrastructure, building healthy, sustainable communities

Media attending: yes

NOTES:

Background of announcement:

The province is working with the District of Summerland and area trail advocacy groups to construct the Summerland Lakeshore Pathway, the newest addition to Summerland's trail system. The Province is contributing \$420,000 and the District of Summerland is contributing \$80,000 toward the estimated \$500,000 cost of a one kilometre hiking and cycling trail located adjacent to Highway 97 between Lakeshore Drive and Illahie Beach.

This separated pathway along the lake side providing pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorized vehicle users an alternative and more sustainable travel option between the Illahie Beach area and the community via Lakeshore Drive. Construction of the trail could start as early as spring of 2015. Development of this trail improves safety and meets the partners' common goal of creating accessible communities.

Roll-out:

Time	Event Itinerary
2:25 p.m.	Anish Dwivedi provides event briefing to Minister Stone, MLA Ashton and the Mayor Janice Perrino, District of Summerland
2:30 p.m.	Emcee MLA Ashton takes podium and provides opening remarks
2:33 p.m.	Emcee invites Minister Stone and Mayor of District of Summerland for the C 35 unveiling
2:35 p.m.	Minister speaks
2:40 p.m.	Emcee invites Mayor to say a few words
2:41 p.m.	Mayor speaks
2:44 p.m.	Emcee announces media avail with Minister Stone
2:45 p.m.	Minister takes podium
2:54 p.m.	Media avail concludes and Minister departs

Emcee Notes

for the

Dan Ashton
MLA for Penticton

Summerland Lakeshore Pathway Announcement

2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Intersection of Lakeshore Drive at Highway 97
Summerland, B.C.

- Good afternoon, it is great to be here this afternoon in a spot that will soon become a community milestone.
- I'm happy to be touring part of the Okanagan with Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure this week. And today, we're joined by Summerland Mayor Janice Perrino. We'll be hearing from both of them in a couple of minutes here.
- Thank you all for taking the time to come here to this site. It will soon be a part of the Summerland Lakeshore Pathway, the newest addition to Summerland's recreational trail network.
- I'm from the Okanagan and I know how much our visitors and residents like to enjoy the outdoors and all of the activities this beautiful part of the province has to offer.
- More places to walk or ride a bike and just get around in the fresh air give people a travel alternative. They encourage healthy lifestyles and they connect our communities.
- I'd like to now ask Minister Stone and Mayor Janice Perrino to help me unveil a new sign.

[Minister Stone and Mayor Perrino step forward to do C 35 unveiling]

- Thank you Minister Stone and Mayor Perrino.
- I'd now like to invite Minister Stone to come forward to speak about this new multi-use trail project for Summerland.

[Minister Stone speaks]

- Thank you, Minister Stone.
- I'd like to now ask Mayor Perrino to come forward, the Province's partner in this project.

[Mayor Perrino speaks]

- Thank you, Mayor Perrino. I'm hopeful we'll be updated soon on the progress of this project, no doubt of great importance to the community.
- That concludes the speaking portion of today's event. I'd like to now invite members of the media to ask questions of Minister Stone and Mayor Perrino.
- Thank you again for coming today.

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- Good afternoon and thank you for joining us out here today.
- I would agree with MLA Ashton that the Okanagan is an incredibly beautiful part of this province that naturally lends itself to recreational activity.
- Supporting active transportation options is a priority of our government and this new pathway will help to attract visitors and encourage families, kids and residents to bike, walk or run throughout the Summerland area.
- We are committed to investing in community trails like the Summerland Lakeshore Pathway.
- It is infrastructure that contributes to a safe, efficient transportation system that reduces traffic congestion and GHG emissions while promoting healthy lifestyles.
- This multi-use pathway is also a part of the government's commitment to help local governments develop their safe and efficient cycling networks.
- This project is the result of a valuable partnership between the Province, the District of Summerland and area trail advocacy groups.
- Our contribution of \$420,000 combined with the District's \$80,000 will provide \$500,000 toward making this trail possible.
- The Summerland Lakeshore Pathway will stretch for over a kilometre, adjacent to Highway 97 between Lakeshore Drive and Illahie Beach, improving safety and meeting the partners' common goal of creating accessible communities.

- Construction is expected to start next spring and it's so exciting to think that one day, when this pathway is fully complete, it will trace a large part of the waterfront along the lake shore here in Summerland.
- I would like to conclude by thanking you again for inviting me here today and I hope once this trail is complete, you will encourage your family, your friends and your neighbours to get out here to enjoy more of what the District of Summerland has to offer.

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Event Information / Speaking Notes

Event: Announcement of 2015 paving project in Oliver (media availability)

When: Friday, July 4, at 9:30 am

Where: Town Hall in Oliver - 6150 Main Street (aka Hwy 97). Outdoor event in the rose garden.

Parking available at: Parking at the alley entrance behind Town Hall.

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Mike Lorimer, Regional Director, Southern Interior, 250 828-4220

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**MLA for Boundary Similkameen Linda Larson
(Emcee)**

9:30 am

Friday, July 4, 2014

Oliver Paving Project

Emcee Speaking Points:

- Greetings.
- Welcome to beautiful Oliver, and to an important announcement by the Government of B.C. and the Town of Oliver.
- I am Linda Larson, MLA for Boundary Similkameen and I am happy to serve as Emcee today.
- I'd like to welcome Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd Stone to the podium.
- *(Minister Todd Stone goes to the podium and gives remarks)*
- Thank you, Minister Stone.
- I would now like to invite Mayor of Oliver Ron Hovanes (*Hoe-vann-iss*) to the podium to tell us what this project means to the community.
- *(Mayor of Oliver goes to the podium and gives remarks)*
- Thank you.
- Next, we will have a photo opportunity with the road sign.
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Introduction:

- Thank you Linda.
- Good morning. Thank you everyone for being with us here today.
- And, thanks to Ron Hovanes (Hoe-vann-iss), Mayor of Oliver for joining me today.

Announcement:

- We are here today to announce great news for the Town of Oliver – and the surrounding region.
- We were approached by the Mayor in the fall.
- He spoke to us about the need to resurface Highway 97 – particularly through the Town of Oliver.
- The highway has gotten bumpy and there are uneven spots and cracks in the pavement.
- This ministry is committed to continually upgrading and improving our highways – right across B.C.
- Highway 97 is a very important connector through the southern interior.
- It is a major route for commercial trucks, as well as local traffic and also tourists visiting this beautiful region on their holidays.
- We've listened to what your Mayor said, did our own technical assessment and ...
- **Today – I am very happy to announce that the ministry will be resurfacing a 25-kilometre stretch of Highway 97 next year.**
- And, of course, we will be working closely with the Town of Oliver to plan this important project.
- This paving project will cost about \$3-million.

- Advance planning will allow the Town to coordinate any additional work to municipal services that may be required prior to the paving through downtown Oliver.
- The project will run from Highway 3 in Osoyoos to Tucelnuit (*Tuk-ell-noo-it*) Drive just north of here, including the segment through the Town of Oliver.
- This resurfacing project will create a smoother and safer drive for commercial trucks, local drivers and tourists along this section of highway.
- As this is in the development phase, there are many details still to iron out.
- We plan to tender the project next spring.
- Paving will start next summer and will be complete by fall 2015.
- As with all projects, the ministry will aim to keep traffic delays to a minimum during the paving works.
- This will be of benefit to our economy and the region as a whole.
- Many thanks to everyone for their hard work on this project – and we will look forward to the paving works getting underway in 2015.
- Thank you.

-End-

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Event: Announcement of new Kaleden Pedestrian Pathway

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Where: At the former Kaleden Hotel on Lakehill Road next to Skaha Lake in Kaleden

Parking available at: In front of the old hotel

Contact: Anish Dwivedi, GCPE Events s.17

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Emcee Speaking Points:

- Greetings everyone.
- Welcome to beautiful Kaleden (Kal-ee-den), and to an important announcement by the Government of B.C. and the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen.
- We would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Penticton Indian Band.
- I am Linda Larson, MLA for Boundary Similkameen and I am happy to serve as Emcee for this event.
- I'd like to start with a warm welcome to our speaking guests:
 - Minister Todd Stone (Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure)
 - Tom Siddon (representing the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen)
- To start things off today, I'd like to welcome Minister Todd Stone to the podium.
- *(Minister Todd Stone goes to the podium and gives remarks)*
- Thank you, Minister Stone.
- I would now like to invite Regional Director Tom Siddon to the podium to speak on behalf of the Regional District and to tell us what this project means to the community.
- *(Tom Siddon goes to the podium and gives remarks)*
- Thank you Tom.
- Thank you all very much for coming out here today, to help bring this project forward and to celebrate the upcoming pedestrian pathway.
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- Good morning.
- Many thanks to:
- MLA for Boundary Similkameen Linda Larson (Emcee)
- Regional Director for the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen, Tom Siddon

Announcement:

- What a beautiful spot here along Skaha lake in the historic community of Kaleden. (Kal-ee-den)
- Kaleden was established in the early 1900's as a fruit growing center. Over the years, the local economy has grown to include vineyards for the wine industry and tourism.
- Tourists love the area - thanks to the stunning views of Skaha Lake, nice beaches, and, of course, the orchards and vineyards.
- For locals and tourists alike - Kaleden is a great place for walking around and enjoying the scenery.
- We have heard from the local community that there was a need to improve pedestrian safety in this area.
- Right now, all pedestrians, even kids and their parents walking to and from school, have to walk along Lakehill Road, which is quite narrow.
- We wanted to improve pedestrian safety and ensure that a proper walking pathway was available for local residents and also for tourists visiting this region.
- The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has been working in partnership with the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen to make it happen.

- **And today, I am very happy to announce - the ministry and the Regional District are partnering to build a pedestrian pathway next to Lakehill Road. (*SIGN UNVEILING*)**
- The \$500,000 budget will be cost shared 50/50 between the ministry and the regional district.
- The two-kilometre paved pathway will run from Highway 97 to Ponderosa Avenue at the former Kaleden Hotel next to Skaha Lake.
- This new walkway will provide a safe walking and cycling path between Highway 97 and the Lower Kaleden lakeshore, with its recreational amenities and access to the KVR Trail.
- The main reason for building the new walkway is safety.
- This will give pedestrians, cyclists, and those with mobility challenges a safe, wide path - and it will provide a scenic view of Skaha Lake too.
- Construction on the project will start later this summer, with completion expected in late fall.
- It's very important to recognize the Regional District's role in making this project happen.
- It is their partnership dollars of \$250-thousand that has enabled us to move forward with this project.
- Thank you for coming out today and now I'll turn it back to Linda.

-End-