

November 6, 2008

Jon Wolbers, Chair
Cariboo Regional District
180 North Third Avenue, Suite D
Williams Lake BC V2G 2A4

Reference: 170177

Dear Chair Wolbers:

Re: DriveBC Webcams

Thank you for your letter of June 6, 2008, requesting increased memory on the highway cameras used by my ministry's DriveBC web site. I am also responding on behalf of my colleague, the Honourable Wally Oppal, Attorney General. Please accept my apologies for the lateness of my reply.

I appreciate your suggestion about updating the existing DriveBC webcams to allow for additional memory but such changes would be costly and would offer questionable results. Our webcams are a great resource for travellers wanting to determine up-to-date route conditions. However, they are not suited for security or investigative purposes.

The DriveBC web cameras cannot be easily modified to store extended periods of full-motion video. As such, increasing the communications bandwidth to allow for the transmission of real time images would be very expensive to install and would significantly increase the overall operating costs.

In addition, the existing cameras have very low resolutions and are not designed to effectively capture faces or license plate numbers. They are also placed at irregular intervals, sometimes at a great distance from the next camera, lowering the probability of capturing an incident.

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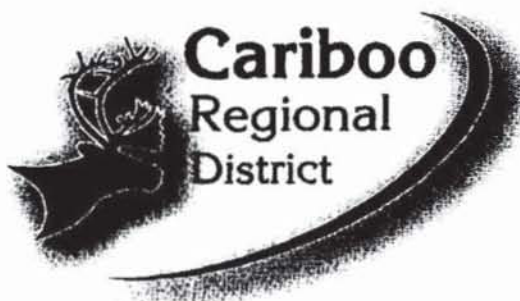
Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Kevin Falcon
Minister

Copy to: Honourable Wally Oppal
 Minister of Attorney General and
 Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism
 MLA, Vancouver-Fraserview



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July 29, 2008

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The Honourable Wally Oppal
Minister of Attorney General
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Dear Ministers Falcon and Oppal:

At the June 6, 2008 meeting of the Cariboo Regional District Board, the following resolution was passed:

"That a letter be forwarded to the Provincial Government inquiring about the possibility of adding digital information memory on existing highway cameras across the province, which may assist in situations such as the Highway of Tears investigation."

The Board is referring to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's "DriveBC Highway Cams" network. There are many situations where these cameras could be used as a resource in the event of accident or crime, if they were equipped with memory. Please advise if this has been considered, or is a possibility. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Jon Wolbers
Chair

Municipalities: Quesnel, Wells, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House

Electoral Areas: A. Red Bluff - Quesnel B. Quesnel West - Bouchie Lake - Ten Mile C. Barrow - Williams Lake D. Wildwood - McLeese Lake
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J. West Chilcotin K. East Chilcotin L. Lone Butte - Interlakes

Underwood, Victor TRAN:EX

Subject: FW: 166326 - WEB Question - something to look into

-----Original Message-----

From: S22
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2007 1:04 PM
To: WEBMASTER TRAN:EX
Subject: something to look into

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Your Truly

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166326 - WEB Question - something to look into (2).txt
From: WEBMASTER TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2007 1:55 PM
To: Gunderson, Judy TRAN:EX; Koehl, Debbie TRAN:EX
Subject: 166326 - WEB Question - something to look into

Hi.

This one I was not to sure were to send. Can have someone respond directly to
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Victor

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Ellermann, Corinne A TRAN:EX

From: Duncan, Dave TRAN:EX
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2007 12:17 AM
To: Byng, Dave A TRAN:EX
Cc: Burns, Anne TRAN:EX; Ramsay, Don M TRAN:EX; Gunderson, Judy TRAN:EX
Subject: Highway of Tears
Attachments: Highway of Tears Billboards - Notes.doc

Dave,

As discussed, attached are some briefing notes for discussion with Peter on the Highway of Tears Billboard situation. Hopefully you will get a chance to chat with him today.

Thanks,

Dave D

Ellermann, Corinne A TRAN:EX

From: Ramsay, Don M TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2007 5:40 PM
To: Duncan, Dave TRAN:EX
Cc: Gunderson, Judy TRAN:EX
Subject: Notes Re Billboard Issue

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Due By: Monday, July 9, 2007 12:00 AM
Flag Status: Flagged

Dave:

Here are some notes for Dave's briefing of Peter as we discussed. Please feel free to change as you see fit.



Highway of Tears
Billboards - ...

I would appreciate early feedback on our position given that the next Committee meeting is July 10, the same day I plan to be back at work

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Don

Notes Re Highway of Tears Billboards

Background:

- The Highway of Tears (HoT) Symposium held in Prince George (PG) in March 2006 recommended that a number of billboards be placed along the corridor between PG and Prince Rupert (PR).

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- The Committee's first project was to produce posters, T shirts and bumper stickers promoting the theme, "It ain't worth the risk sister".
- The Committee approached Don Ramsay, DMT (Skeena District) for assistance in achieving its objectives.
- The Committee asked DMT for recommendations regarding appropriate placement for approximately fifteen 8 foot by 12 foot billboards between PG and PR.

Stakeholders:

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MoT Involvement:

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- Ramsay discussed the plan with neighbouring DMT's (Bulkley Stikine and Fort George)

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- Ramsay was invited to a Committee meeting on June 22 where full plans and artwork for the boards was displayed. Ramsay explained that billboards on right of way were legally prohibited. He was reminded that there are many exceptions permitted and that this campaign was clearly of importance to the communities of the north and

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S13 The Committee disagreed and asked Ramsay to identify sites along the corridor where their billboards could be placed.

- Next Committee meeting scheduled for July 10 in Terrace
- Ramsay confirmed with PSSG that their funding of \$5k was not tied to billboards.

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Options:

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Recommendation:

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Don Ramsay
DMT, Skeena
June 28, 2007

Ellermann, Corinne A TRAN:EX

From: Duncan, Dave TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2007 10:44 AM
To: Uyesugi, Steve A TRAN:EX; Ramsay, Don M TRAN:EX
Cc: Gunderson, Judy TRAN:EX; Blixrud, Rick G TRAN:EX
Subject: Re: Highways of Tears Billboard - Meeting

stakeholders S13 I want to discuss further before Don meets with the
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We can chat further next week.

Thanks,

----- Original Message -----

From: Uyesugi, Steve A TRAN:EX
To: Duncan, Dave TRAN:EX; Ramsay, Don M TRAN:EX
Cc: Gunderson, Judy TRAN:EX; Blixrud, Rick G TRAN:EX
Sent: Wed Jun 13 23:24:42 2007
Subject: Re: Highways of Tears Billboard - Meeting

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Steve

----- Original Message -----

From: Duncan, Dave TRAN:EX
To: Ramsay, Don M TRAN:EX
Cc: Uyesugi, Steve A TRAN:EX; Gunderson, Judy TRAN:EX; Blixrud, Rick G TRAN:EX
Sent: Wed Jun 13 21:13:17 2007
Subject: Re: Highways of Tears Billboard - Meeting

Thanks Don,

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S13 I would like to discuss further when we get together next week.

Thanks,

Dave D

----- Original Message -----

From: Ramsay, Don M TRAN:EX
To: Blixrud, Rick G TRAN:EX; Duncan, Dave TRAN:EX; Uyesugi, Steve A TRAN:EX

Sent: Mon Jun 11 14:47:13 2007
Subject: RE: Highways of Tears Billboard - Meeting

Dave:

Apologies for the previous email....

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We had discussed this earlier,

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From: Blixrud, Rick G TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 2:34 PM
To: Ramsay, Don M TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: Highways of Tears Billboard - Meeting

Don:

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Rick

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From: Ramsay, Don M TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2007 2:07 PM
To: Uyesugi, Steve A TRAN:EX; Blixrud, Rick G TRAN:EX
Cc: Duncan, Dave TRAN:EX
Subject: FW: Highways of Tears Billboard - Meeting
Importance: High

Gents:

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Don

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