

**ACKNOWLEDGE:**

MC Hon. Steve Thomson  
Mayor Doug Findlater  
Chief Robert Louie (TBC)

Thank you. The future of West Kelowna just keeps getting brighter.

And today, we're announcing two more reasons why.

Westside Road is a popular route for tourists and locals alike. In a province full of them, it's one of the most beautiful drives in BC.

But for too long, Westside Road has had another reputation: it's dangerous.

We've done a lot of work to change that for good. But there is more to be done.

Today, I am announcing that the Province is committing \$45 million over the next five years to make the necessary improvements to Westside Road.

It will begin with two projects:

First, the section from Waterfront Farm to Blue Grouse will be widened,  
with paved shoulders,  
a roadside barrier,  
and rockfall protection measures.

The contractor, Emil Anderson Construction, got underway this week. As you can see, they didn't have far to go.

It's scheduled to be completed next fall.

Second, almost 9 kilometres will be resurfaced, from the Highway 97 junction to Skookum Mine Road.

Okanagan Aggregates Ltd., of Armstrong are about to begin work, and they're scheduled to be done by the end of this month.

Westside Road was never intended for the amount of traffic it sees every day.

That's why the Province has invested more than \$10 million since 2008 to improve and widen this road.

That includes:  
realigning and widening the road,  
installing guardrails,  
constructing pullouts for slow-moving vehicles,  
resurfacing at three separate sites,  
and upgrades to warning signs and roadside reflectors.

Now, as I said, I am here today to announce two more investments.

For some time, West Kelowna has needed a new municipal works yard.

October 3, 2014

CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

Today, I'm pleased to offer the District of West Kelowna a 5 hectare parcel of Crown land at the junction of Bartley and Stevens Road.

This follows a comprehensive consultation process with the Westbank First Nation, who have offered their support for the grant.

As West Kelowna continues to grow, so will its needs.

We're going to keep working together to make sure our services grow at the same pace.

Thank you.

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# Bartley Road and Westside Road Announcement

Location: 2515 Bartley Road  
West Kelowna, BC

**Event Summary:** Announcement of the start of work for two Westside Road improvement projects, as well as the offering of a crown land grant to the District of West Kelowna, to build a much-needed municipal works yard

**Action/Visual:** Premier speaking with road building equipment in the background, and interacting with workers

**Venue Audience:** 20-30 guests, plus local media

**Podium: Yes**

**Dress: Business Casual – in a Gravel Pit, flat shoes recommended**

**Date: Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

**Time: 11:00am**

Time	Event Itinerary
11:05am	Premier arrives for a pre-brief with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and MLA for Kelowna-Mission</li><li>• The Honourable Norm Letnick, Minister of Agriculture and MLA for Kelowna – Lake Country</li><li>• Mayor of the District of West Kelowna, Doug Findlater</li></ul>
11:15am	Minister Thomson goes to the podium and introduces the Premier
11:17am	Premier gives remarks NOTE: at the end of her remarks the Premier invites some of the workers on-site to assist her in the unveiling of the two Westside Road Project Signs. Ministers Letnick and Thomson also join in the unveiling
11:24am	Minister Thomson introduces Mayor Doug Findlater
11:25am	Mayor Doug Findlater gives remarks
11:30am	Minister Thomson formally concludes the event
11:31am	Premier does a media availability as required and has an opportunity to shake hands with and take pictures with the workers on-site
11:40am	Premier departs

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