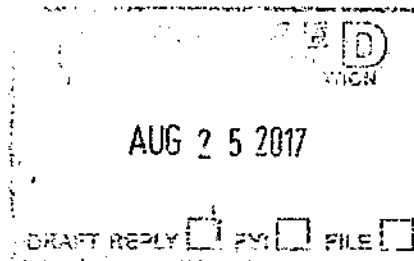




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August 21st, 2017
Hon. Claire Trevena
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Room 306, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
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Dr. Andrew Weaver MLA
Oak Bay-Gordon Head

Dear Minister Trevena,

I have received a significant amount of correspondence from British Columbians concerned about the Highway 97 – Stickle Road intersection project. Their concerns are generally as follows:

"In the interest of saving a wetland with protected species in it, making the intersection in question safe for not just cars, but also bikes and pedestrians, would the Ministries involved take the stop-gap measure to stop the current plan and lower the speed limit to 50 km/hour and take the time to develop a plan that works for multiple different stakeholder groups?"

It is my understanding that the impacted wetland is key habitat for four protected species – the screech owl, Western skink, Western grebe, and American badger – and that the proposed changes will not accommodate bike or pedestrian travel. I view these as substantial drawbacks to the proposal as it currently stands and would appreciate clarification as to why they are not being better addressed.

Thank you for your insight into this matter.

Best wishes,

Andrew Weaver, MLA
Oak Bay – Gordon Head

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Chapotelle, Jacqueline TRAN:EX

From: Leech, Haley TRAN:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Chapotelle, Jacqueline TRAN:EX
Subject: FW: meeting re: Aspen Road community concerns

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Hi Jacqueline,

Here is the email chain. If you can let her know that we were able to find an opening next week that would be great.

Thank you,

Haley Leech

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From: Leech, Haley TRAN:EX
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Bhikha, Jaymini LASS:EX
Subject: RE: meeting re: Aspen Road community concerns

Good morning Jaymini,

Unfortunately Kevin is quite busy with Minister Briefings and Wildfire Issues at the moment, and will likely need the next week or so for those items to calm down before the meeting occurs.

Can we look ahead to the next couple of weeks instead? I am sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you kindly,

Haley Leech

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From: Bhikha, Jaymini [<mailto:Jaymini.Bhikha@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Leech, Haley TRAN:EX
Subject: RE: meeting re: Aspen Road community concerns

Hi Haley,

Sonia can meet on Tuesday. Would sometime between 1-4 work for Kevin?

Thanks,
Jaymini

Jaymini Bhikha
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From: Leech, Haley TRAN:EX [mailto:Haley.Leech@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 1:48 PM
To: Bhikha, Jaymini <Jaymini.Bhikha@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: meeting re: Aspen Road community concerns

Good afternoon Jaymini,

I am looking to schedule a meeting between MLA Furstenau and Kevin per the below email.

Would you advise which day/time works best for her schedule? I will coordinate Kevin's schedule accordingly.

Thank you kindly,

Haley Leech

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From: Richter, Kevin J TRAN:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 6:29 PM
To: Furstenau, Sonia
Cc: Bhikha, Jaymini LASS:EX; Leech, Haley TRAN:EX
Subject: Re: meeting re: Aspen Road community concerns

Good evening,
It was great chatting with you last week and thank you for this note.
Haley will connect with Jaymini to set up a meeting.

Respectfully,
Kevin Richter
Assistant Deputy Minister - Highways
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 8, 2017, at 5:36 PM, Furstenau, Sonia s.17 wrote:

Hello Kevin,

It was great to meet you at the transit facility announcement last week.

I am following up on the request for a meeting from the Aspen Road community.

Could we find a time next week (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) for a meeting? I have CC'd Jaymini, our Legislative Assistant, who can help with scheduling.

Thank you,
Sonia

Harder, Derrick TRAN:EX

From: Taylor Hartrick <taylor.hartrick@greenparty.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 10:24 AM
To: Harder, Derrick PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Weaver statement on government's decision to remove bridge tolls
Attachments: Weaver statement on government's decision to remove bridge tolls.pdf

Hi Derrick,

Here is our release re: tolls.

Taylor

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From: "Oliver, Jillian" <Jillian.Oliver@leg.bc.ca>
Date: Aug 25, 2017 10:14 AM
Subject: Weaver statement on government's decision to remove bridge tolls
To:
Cc:

B.C. GREEN CAUCUS

For immediate release

August 25, 2017

Weaver statement on government's decision to remove bridge tolls

VICTORIA, BC - Andrew Weaver, leader of the B.C. Green caucus, issued the following statement today in response to the government's removal of tolls on the Port Mann and Golden Ears Bridges.

"It's unfortunate that the government has decided to proceed with this reckless policy," said Weaver.

"There is no question that the affordability crisis facing so many British Columbians is a significant concern. However, this policy is high cost and low impact. There are lots of good, high return-on-investments decisions that government can make, such as education, student housing and child care. It is disappointing that the first major measure that this government has taken to make life more affordable for British Columbians will add billions of dollars to taxpayer-supported debt. Moreover, making such a massive addition to our debt risks raising interest on all debt, which ultimately prevents government from being able to invest more in important social programs.

"Tolls are an excellent policy tool to manage transport demand. Transport demand management reduces pollution and emissions, alleviates congestion and helps pay for costly infrastructure. That's why, at the negotiating table when preparing our Confidence and Supply Agreement, we ensured that a commitment was included to work with the Mayors' Council consultation process to find a more fair and equitable way of funding transit for the long-term. We look forward to that commitment being met so that British Columbians can have an evidence-based, truly fair approach to this file."

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