

Meeting Request, Honourable Kelly Greene, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

1. Flooding Concerns in the Pemberton Valley: Dike Standards and Setback Dikes

Background

The Pemberton Valley rely on dikes, constructed, upgraded, and maintained by the Pemberton Valley Dyking District, for flood protection. The Village of Pemberton, the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District, and Lil'wat Nation are taking an integrated approach to flood mitigation, undertaking a feasibility study proposing development of setback dikes along with upgrades to existing dike infrastructure to meet the 200-year standard. The three jurisdictions cannot accommodate the significant cost of the necessary infrastructure upgrades and the need for new setback dikes and are seeking financial support for these projects that are essential to protection of the Valley as flooding becomes more frequent and severe.

Request

That the Province provides funding for the construction, maintenance, and upgrading of dikes to in the Pemberton Valley to protect Valley residents from the effects of flooding as risks increase with climate change.

2. Flooding Concerns in the Pemberton Valley: Pemberton Creek Bridge

Background

The Pemberton Creek Bridge on Highway 99, situated close to housing complexes within the Village of Pemberton, presents a safety hazard during high water events due to the low clearance of the bridge. Seasonal weather trends create a pattern of flooding over the bridge, posing a risk to residents of nearby housing complexes. Further, there is a risk that flooding at the bridge could necessitate closure of Highway 99, potentially separating most of Pemberton, SLRD and Lilwat residents from the Lower Mainland, as well as separating residents of the Creekside Townhouse complex from the Village. With the change in climate the bridge is increasingly susceptible to debris and ice jam flooding due to the low clearance. Replacement of the bridge is becoming more urgent as these types flood risk increase with climate change.

Request

The Village of Pemberton requests that the Ministry work with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to make public safety improvements along Highway 99 by raising the height of the Pemberton Creek Bridge to mitigate risk of detrimental highway flooding and closure of a primary evacuation route during high water events.

3. Wildfire Mitigation on Crown Land

Background

The Village of Pemberton is in a provincially defined wildland urban interface area with a risk class of "1", the highest wildfire risk rating. The forested area surrounding Pemberton has a moderate to extreme threat rating. Wildfire threat is a significant concern to the Village, exacerbated by nearby Crown lands that have not undergone fuel management treatment. The Village is working to reduce wildfire threat through implementation of the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan. However, mitigation work is also needed on Crown

lands. With funding support, the Village could carry out fuel management treatment on Crown lands presenting a wildfire risk to the Village.

### Request

That the Province provides financial support to carry out wildfire mitigation work in Crown lands identified as posing a risk to the Village of Pemberton.