

Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit

**1. Highway 99 Improvements in Gateway Area**

Background

The Gateway area of Pemberton, located between the Pemberton Creek Bridge and the Highway 99 intersection with Portage Road, is undergoing significant change with the development of the new école La Vallée, currently under construction, the multi-modal transportation hub, and new housing and commercial initiatives planned or under development. Ensuring that residents have safe access to Pemberton's active transportation network and transit options is key to fostering a connected community. Highway 99, that passes through this area, needs improvements to safely support the anticipated increase in pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic.

Request

That the Ministry supports and funds upgrades to Highway 99 in the Gateway area to ensure safe connections to active transportation options and public transit.

**2. New Highway 99 intersection for access to Conseil scolaire francophone school**

Background

Development of the Conseil scolaire francophone school, école La Vallée, includes access to Highway 99 by provision of a turning lane without a pedestrian crosswalk, south of the existing intersection that is the sole access to downtown. The construction presents an opportunity to build capacity for the future and to significantly improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists travelling from One Mile Lake Park and areas south of Portage Road to the downtown area. The new intersection, if built to adequate standards, will provide alternate access to the downtown area, easing traffic congestion at the existing highway intersection in the event of evacuation of the Village due to wildfire, flooding, or other emergencies.

Request

That the Ministry supports and funds an upgrade to the planned Highway 99 access to ensure the new intersection will accommodate the needs of the Village as it grows and will improve safety of active transportation users.

**3. Pemberton Creek Bridge**

Background

The Pemberton Creek Bridge that spans Highway 99 at the entrance to the Village lacks a safe active transportation lane and represents a public safety hazard during high water events due to its low clearance over the creek. There is potential for flooding of nearby housing complexes and commercial structures and a significant risk of damage to the bridge and to Highway 99 when water overtops the bridge. Also, flooding of the highway at the bridge has the potential to close the highway, effectively isolating the Village from communities to the south and separating the Creekside Village housing complex from the rest of the Village.

Request

## APPENDIX D

The Village of Pemberton requests that MOTT replace the Pemberton Creek Bridge with a bridge that includes a lane dedicated to active transportation and that has sufficient clearance above Pemberton Creek to mitigate the risk of flooding during high water events.