



December 2, 2022

The Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister,

Re: Contract Review of Mainroad Group Winter Highway Maintenance and Review of the BC Emergency Alerting System

I am writing to you concerning the recent failure of provincial highway winter maintenance that occurred throughout Metro Vancouver on Tuesday, November 29, 2022.

It is vital that the snow response plan for provincial highways and crossings of the Fraser River is sufficient and that the necessary resources are in place to prevent traffic gridlock and the failure of our provincial transportation system. With increasing unpredictable weather patterns, BC's provincial transportation network must have the necessary preparations in place with adequate resources for winter maintenance.

As Mayor of Delta, I would like to request that the British Columbia Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure review the contract currently in place with Mainroad Group for winter maintenance of the Lower Mainland provincial highway network.

On the evening of November 29 and well into the early morning hours of November 30, many Delta residents were stuck in gridlock on our provincial transportation network for upwards of 9 or 10 hours. It is very concerning that, while the transportation network was failing, commuters were still continuing to try to enter the transportation system.

As such, I also request that a review of the BC Emergency Alerting System take place in order to notify regional residents when the provincial highway system is out of service. Effective use of this resource would deter people from entering the provincial transportation system and adding more traffic volume to an already failing system.

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I very much appreciate your attention to this matter. It is contingent upon all levels of government to take all necessary steps to avoid any future failures of provincial highway networks and provide for the safety of our citizens.

Yours truly,



George V. Harvie
Mayor

cc: The Hon. Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development &
Disability Inclusion
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