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November 6, 2009

Mr. Darcy Alexander, Co-Chair
Ms. Ines Popig, Co-Chair
Sun Peaks Incorporation Study Committee
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Dear Mr. Alexander and Ms. Popig:

This is further to the October 26, 2009 letter from the Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development, to you regarding restructure assistance from the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure towards the proposed Sun Peaks mountain resort municipality.

For clarity, the assistance identified in the Ministry's offer is consistent with that provided for other municipal incorporations throughout the Province, comprising the equivalent of a five year term for ongoing road and bridge maintenance services. In the case of the Sun Peaks proposal, this offer was structured such that maintenance services would be provided from the date of incorporation to September 21, 2013, plus a cash settlement for the remainder of the period.

It should be noted that the majority of roads in the area were newly constructed between 1994 and present, with 2.4 km built within the last 5 years and 5.4 km within the last 10 years. Additionally, in 2003 the Ministry invested approximately \$900,000 to reconstruct 1.3 km of Sun Peaks Road west of the Village area.

The Ministry has reviewed the assessment completed by Kerr Wood Leidal and much of the work identified will be undertaken as part of our ongoing programs. At the end of the maintenance term, the new municipality will take over roads in a condition that is equal to or better than prescribed by the applicable Highway Maintenance Specifications.

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Regarding inventory maintenance responsibilities and your suggestion that the ministry continues to maintain Sun Peaks Road to the lift area; in order to for a road to be classified as an arterial highway, certain conditions need to exist, primarily related to access to communities beyond the new municipality and/or access to ports or airports. These criteria are consistently applied to incorporations throughout the Province. Based on these criteria, it is appropriate to end provincial jurisdiction for Sun Peaks Road at the new municipal boundary.

I trust you find this information helpful.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Proudfoot". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" being more prominent than the last name "Proudfoot".

Mike Proudfoot
Assistant Deputy Minister
Highways Department

Pc: Mike Furey, ADM, Local Government, Ministry of Community & Rural Development