



Meeting with Eric Lachmuth
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
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Commonage Road
Committee

+ Purpose of Today's Meeting

- Introductions and information sharing
- Express concerns raised over Commonage Road (Bench Row Rd to Predator) and Bailey Road
- Discuss path forward



Commonage Road and Bailey Road

and nearby places





The Commonage Road Committee

- Concerned citizens who have joined together to improve safety on Commonage Road and Bailey Road
 - Jane Toppozini, Gord Ball, Kathy Coverly, Morgan Grant. All of us are residents at Predator Ridge
- Presented to Predator Ridge residents and received resounding support to proceed
 - Objectives include improving winter road maintenance immediately, summer road maintenance by next summer and understanding longer term plans
- Other interested parties include: Sparkling Hill Resort, Predator Ridge(Wesbild), MLA Eric Foster

+ Public Safety Concerns with Road Maintenance

■ Winter Maintenance

- Lack of timely snow removal
- Lack of timely ice remediation

■ Summer Maintenance

- Lack of clearly painted road lines
- Lack of pothole maintenance
- Poorly maintained asphalt on edges

■ Future Improvements

- What is the plan?

+ Poor Road Maintenance is a Public Safety Issue affecting...

- Residents of Predator Ridge
 - 600 + homes with 75% of those as principal residences, plus lodge and cottage rentals year round
- Staff and guests at Predator Ridge and Sparkling Hill, with younger workers particularly at risk
 - Winter ~250 workers daily plus up to 150 guests – summer much higher
 - Including heavy construction and industrial supply traffic
 - Plus local resident commuters to Vernon and Kelowna
- School children from Predator Ridge who do not have bus service, but instead are driven daily to Vernon
- Growth in Tourism
 - Access to wineries
 - Access to year round resorts and activities (i.e. Heli skiing now using Predator Ridge as base of operations, domed tennis/pickleball courts)
- Accidents and Emergency Response Vehicles
 - Just one towing company reports 13 tows in 2017 and 16 so far in 2018
 - No pulloffs for Emergency Vehicle passage



Next Steps

- Understand recent road traffic count and implications
- Understand upcoming contract change and impact on both winter and summer road maintenance
- Help stakeholders better align expectations and recourse
- Understand speed limit review apparently underway
- Understand future planning process

