

June 15, 2023

Kirn S. Dhillon
Director of Engineering and Operations
District of Sechelt

Re: Road Work in Sandy Hook

Dear Mr. Dhillon,

Thank you for the recent update on the road work budget request for Sandy Hook. We understand the extensive work required to bring the roads in Sandy Hook up to modern road base standards and ask that this be planned for in 2024.

Specifically, the subsidence on Sandy Hook Road and its proximity to a steep drop off poses a threat to the community, and we ask that every effort be made to prevent further collapsing of the road until the road itself can be fixed. We appreciate that it is on the list for crack sealing this summer, as that will certainly help. We also believe that work to clear the ditches and culverts along Seaview and Skookumchuk will help to control the water run-off that is causing the problem. Given that the majority of ditches and culverts in Sandy Hook have not been maintained over the years, it is likely that this is contributing to the deterioration of the roads. Is the clearing of these ditches part of the mitigation plan? Part of the 2023 Sandy Hook budget submission involved several examples of the need for the clearing of culverts and ditches. Is this being prioritized for this year?

Also contributing to the water run-off on the roads is the debris that has accumulated on the roads themselves. There has been no road cleaning for the past few years, and we are unclear why this stopped when it used to happen annually. Can you provide us with any information about this?

We also wanted to bring to your attention some seemingly easy fixes that were identified in our Road Work budget submission and ask for an update. For example, the lack of a street sign at the corner of Seaview and Skookumchuk Roads. The lack of signage makes it difficult for emergency vehicles to find the residences in that area.

We appreciate the painting of lines both in Sandy Hook and on Sechelt Inlet Road. This is a huge improvement and really appreciated. We have some requests for white fog lines along the sides of Sechelt Inlet Road as driving at night becomes more hazardous without them. Has there been any consideration given to adding these white lines?

We appreciate there are many road issues in Sandy Hook that have been identified that need addressing, but we have identified some smaller items that will help to slow the further deterioration of the roads until they can be fixed.

We appreciate your ongoing communication and willingness to work towards solutions. Thanks in advance for any updates you can provide.

Sincerely,

Kelly Kitchen (sent via email)
President, Sandy Hook Community Association

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