



## District of Peachland

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# RENFREW ROAD SLIDE UPDATE #2

**January 23, 2017  
12:00 P.M.**

This is an information update to the small land slide on Renfrew Road in Peachland, that occurred on Friday, January 6, 2017.

Additional soil continues to crumble along the undermined areas of the slide at Renfrew Road, primarily as a result of the milder weather. As frost thaws the ground, the previously frozen, unstable areas are crumbling, as expected. It is likely that a compromised power pole, which was previously disconnected, will drop into the slide area as well.

Renfrew Road remains closed to all traffic at the location of the slide, and the area is fenced to keep everyone safely away from the unstable area.

Traffic lights have been installed further south on either side of the one-way section of Renfrew Road, to permit better access for residents. As well, a speed reader board has been installed along Highway 97 by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, to remind drivers to slow down to the posted 70 km/h speed limit, particularly in the Hardy Road area where additional traffic will be making left hand turns.

All residences in the area affected by the sewer line break have been reconnected to utilities, and no evacuations have been required.

Mayor Fortin advises, "The District of Peachland's first and foremost priority is securing the site and safety of the public and residents. This has been achieved, and will remain our top priority as we move forward with repairs."

Our team of consultants and geotechnical engineers are working on options to undertake repairs. The cause of the slide has not yet been conclusively determined, although ground water has been identified to be a contributing factor.

Staff are working with Emergency Management BC (EMBC) and our regional emergency management program to access funding assistance. The initial response costs of \$82,906 have been authorized by EMBC for funding. It is unknown at this time how much additional funding assistance we will require or be eligible for.

Costs for a short term solution could reach \$250,000. Those costs would be 'throw away', when we proceed to the permanent, long term solution.

Long term, permanent repair costs could reach \$1,000,000 or more, depending on the method chosen. Council will be presented with options for the best permanent fix, that will ensure future stability and safety of the public.

Council will be making decisions within the next two weeks, on whether to proceed with a short term solution, or wait for the weather to cooperate and move directly to a long term solution.

The estimated timeline for permanent repairs to be completed is 3 – 4 months.

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