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RENFREW ROAD SLIDE UPDATE #3

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10:00 A.M.**

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

Council has chosen to proceed directly to a long term, permanent solution, with a conventional earth import method to repair the slide area. This method will be designed by professional geotechnical engineering company, Interior Testing Services, and will include the use of geogrid material in conjunction with imported fill to help with slope stability.

The costs for this permanent solution are estimated at \$750,000. District staff and consultants are working closely with various provincial agencies to identify potential cost savings on a number of aspects of the project. Staff are also continuing to work with Emergency Management BC and our regional emergency management program to access funding assistance.

Assuming the weather cooperates, it is anticipated that actual construction will start in two weeks time, and will take 4 – 6 weeks to complete. A majority of the material hauling will take place overnight, to reduce the impact on highway traffic, while placing and compaction will occur during daylight hours.

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 are in place 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 is making left hand turns.

Mayor Fortin would like to remind everyone to reduce their speed to the posted 70 km/h limit along this stretch of Highway 97, to provide a safe travelling environment for vehicles as well as workers and equipment.

“We would like to thank everyone for their patience and support during this time, while we have been carefully assessing our options to ensure the best possible outcomes that provide optimum value for the community.” said Mayor Fortin.

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