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The Hon. Mike Farnworth & The Hon. Ravi Kahlon
Ministry of Transportation and Transit
Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing
Highway & Regional Services Division

Via email: TT.Minister@gov.bc.ca and HMA.Minister@gov.bc.ca

RE: Community Concerns with Road Conditions in Central Okanagan Electoral Area West - Upper Fintry

Dear Ministers Farnworth & Kahlon,

On behalf of the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) Board and local area residents in the Upper Fintry area, I am writing to raise concerns regarding substandard road conditions in the Upper Fintry area of Electoral Area West.

The RDCO has received numerous complaints from Upper Fintry residents regarding chronic dust pollution and lack of sufficient road infrastructure in this rural subdivision. Residents report persistent dust clouds from unpaved roads, exacerbated by a lack of gravel and basic maintenance. These conditions pose health concerns—and contribute to excessive wear on personal vehicles, restricted mobility, and reduced quality of life.

This issue is further complicated by residential density in Upper Fintry. As population increases in rural and unincorporated areas, so does the demand for infrastructure and services that can support safe, livable communities. We understand that development in unincorporated areas put strain on provincial services and can result in frustration from residents. People in Upper Fintry still live in one of the only unpaved subdivisions under the jurisdiction of MoTT.

We understand that road maintenance in this area falls under the responsibility of the Ministry and its contractor, A.I.M. Roads. Both the RDCO and local residents have brought these concerns forward to the district and local offices and still have not seen action. The RDCO Board passed a resolution supporting formal escalation of this matter to your office to seek resolution.

We respectfully urge the Ministry to develop a plan to address road safety and dust control in Upper Fintry and begin planning a long-term infrastructure solution. These solutions could include paving and consistent servicing aligned with community growth.

Further, from a policy perspective, we would encourage MoTT to work alongside the Ministry of Housing & Municipal Affairs to limit projections of growth in rural, non-incorporated areas. The need for housing must be balanced with the feasibility of providing the infrastructure and services people expect when choosing a place to call home.

We look forward to working alongside your ministry and leadership to ensure we collectively meet the needs of residents in communities like Upper Fintry.

Should you require any further information, please reach out to RDCO staff who are more than happy to assist. Thank you in advance for your support and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Loyal Wooldridge', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Loyal Wooldridge
Chairperson

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Attachment: Upper Fintry Complaint Area Map

