



September 18, 2019

Trish Morgan  
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Dear Trish Morgan:

Thank you for your letter of August 8, 2019, addressed to the Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, concerning the Old Fort landslide area. Minister Farnworth has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Provincial experts of the Ministries of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) and Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development (FLNRORD) offered their assessment that it is “unlikely for a dramatic slippage of the remaining hillside that might further impact homes to occur” based on a review of the Westrek report of December 14, 2018, in combination with the minimal movement of the hillside that has occurred since monitoring was implemented along the new access road.

This assessment is also based on the general characteristics of landslides in the area and soil types that are reflected in the Westrek report. MOTI has indicated that the data they have obtained from monitoring the access road is available to the PRRD and, I am informed that MOTI staff will reach out and ensure that you are aware of how you may access that data. It should be noted that the assessment offered in the Minister’s reply to MLA Davies of July 26, 2019, was in response to questions raised regarding provincial intentions for hillside slope monitoring or mitigation measures.

It is acknowledged that further slow movement of the terrain is possible, but as noted in the Minister’s response, the assessment of the risk and the application of evacuation orders or alerts is the purview of the PRRD. The Westrek report indicated that a reassessment should be made following the spring 2019 freshet. Emergency Management BC will consider a funding request for additional geotechnical work should the PRRD require it to review the current risk to properties in the area.

Thank you for taking the time for write.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Halls". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori Halls  
Deputy Minister  
Emergency Management BC

pc: The Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
Dan Davies, MLA, Peace River North

Reference: 557625

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