



Dore River Erosion Mitigation Project

In June of 2020, a large rainstorm coupled with seasonal snowmelt created exceptionally high flows in the Dore River. This caused much damage and loss to properties along the Dore River between Highway 16 and Museum Road.

Since that time, the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has been working to support residents by actively exploring options to mitigate further damage and property loss along that channel from future high flow events.

We are pleased to confirm we have received conditional approval for grant funding for mitigation works in this area. The funding is conditional upon a number of factors:

- **Regulatory and environmental approvals:** any works in an active river or stream requires approval from a number of agencies including the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).
- **Indigenous Consultation:** we are working with First Nations who have an interest in the area to address issues or concerns related to the project and confirm their support.
- **Establishment of a Local Taxable Service:** A requirement of the grant program is for the Regional District to own the resulting infrastructure. Grant funding alone will not cover the ongoing maintenance of the mitigation works and therefore a new local service must be established to provide annual funding for maintenance of the works.

While the conditional grant funding is good news, the conditions that we must satisfy are complex and involve timelines that take us beyond next spring/summer.

Current health regulations limit us from holding an in-person community meeting to discuss the project details this fall as we had intended. As an alternative, we are inviting residents in the Dore River area to join us for a virtual meeting. Representatives from the Regional District, along with engineers from McElhaney Engineering will provide an overview of efforts to date and outline proposed mitigation works. Following the presentation, there will be time for a Question-and-Answer period.

Wednesday, November 17 at 6:30 pm

To access the meeting online using the Zoom platform:

- <https://zoom.us/j/95045102017>
- passcode (may not be required): 349552

To access audio of the meeting through telephone, call toll free:

- 1-855-703-8985 (Canada)
- meeting ID: 950 4510 2017
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