



Yale First Nation Government

March 19th, 2024

Notice: Environmental specialists in Lukseetsissum Community

Good day Lukseetsissum community members,

We wish to inform you that a team of environmental specialists will be conducting assessments along the highway adjacent to our community, as well as partially accessing two private roads, namely Dadswell and Ruby Creek North. Their presence will involve partial access to these roads without any ground disturbance. Please be assured that they will not be entering private properties. They have provided a map below of where they will be accessing.

- **April 3: Environmental Site Visit (Red highlight)**



We have included below January's notice with the information on why this work is taking place.

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) is having this work done due to Yale First Nation and Skawahlook First Nation concerns of the safety on highway 7 in our communities. Spring of 2023 there was bulletins up for the communities to write down and share your concerns in regards to highways safety. Lukseetsissum discussed concerns on highway 7 and Stullawheets discussed their concerns on highway 1. These were submitted to Moti and now they are working towards making our highway safer.

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This is what was listed in our letter:

FRASER VALLEY FIRST NATIONS BUS ACCESS AND SAFETY REVIEW, traffic safety concerns on Highway 7 were identified. Specifically, lighting and geometry issues on Highway 7 at Ruby Creek Road.

The following mitigation measures have been identified:

- Consolidation of left turn access points along Highway 7 with the upgrade of the Ruby-Dadswell Forest Service Road intersection where new left turn lanes would be developed 2.
- Closing or reconfiguring existing connections to the highway at the Highway Frontage Road and Ruby Creek Road intersections
- A pedestrian activated traffic signal and crosswalk on the east side of the Ruby-Dadswell Forest Service Road intersection.
- Advance Warning Flashers along the highway in both the eastbound and westbound directions of travel.
- Shoulder widening of the shoulder on the northside of the highway to improve pedestrian access along the highway between the Ruby Creek Bridge (existing north side sidewalk) and the upgraded intersection at Ruby-Dadswell Forest Service Road

Preliminary Schedule:

- Detailed design complete: Spring 2024
- Construction begins: TBD
- Construction complete: TBD

If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call or send an email.

Sincerely, Yale First Nation

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