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Ms. Sharon Plett  
Municipal Administrator  
Summer Village of Waiparous  
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Dear Ms. Plett:

Thank you for your August 15, 2017 letter regarding the bridge replacement in the Summer Village of Waiparous. As Ministerial Assistant to the Honourable Brian Mason, Minister of Transportation, I am able to respond.

I appreciate receiving your update and am pleased Alberta Transportation staff are working collaboratively with the Highway 40 Road Committee. Highway 40 is an important part of the provincial highway network, and making sure it operates as safely as possible is a top priority.

The project's social impacts, safety implications, and effects on motorists who use Highway 40 are all factors that the department will take into consideration. Access will continue to be provided to all properties; however, the access points may not be the same as currently provided.

Department staff have advised me that fair consideration will be given to replacing the bridge in its current location as one of the options, as requested by Mayor Anderson. Evaluation of all options and the other concerns you mentioned is ongoing, and department staff will keep you apprised of progress.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,

Jennifer D. Burgess  
Ministerial Assistant

cc: Cameron Westhead, MLA for Banff-Cochrane

