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Dear Mr. Westhead:

**Re: Highway 40 Proposed New Bridge**

The Summer Village of Waiparous is requesting your help regarding the Alberta Transportation (AT) project proposing a new bridge on Highway 40 located within the Summer Village of Waiparous municipal boundary.

It has been almost one year since our last communication with you regarding this project as we have been patiently waiting for information from AT. The original project timeline indicated the next step in the process was the completion of a Functional Study by AT's consultant HATCH. This study was to be completed by March 31, 2018.

As of this date AT has acknowledged, by email response, the receipt of the Functional Study from their consultant. They have also indicated they will be involved in a technical review of the Study until August 2018, at which time it will be released to the Summer Village for review.

Our concern is the lack of information available to our residents as well as the perception of insufficient public consultation and stakeholder engagement. The principal concern is that once the Study review is completed by AT it would be too late for the Summer Village and our residents to have any meaningful input on the final decision of the bridge alignment.

We have asked for an updated schedule of engagement for this process from AT but have

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not heard back any plans to include the Summer Village prior to the Study being released. Our Annual Meeting is coming up on Saturday July 21, 2018 and Council hopes to be able to provide some information to our residents that will assure them we are working diligently on their behalf. The strain of not knowing what might happen with the bridge replacement/alignment has taken its toll on our small community.

We would respectfully request your help in ensuring the Summer Village and its residents are provided the opportunity to have meaningful input in this process and have our voices heard.

Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter that is critical for the future of the Summer Village of Waiparous.

Sincerely,

SUMMER VILLAGE OF WAIPAROUS



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