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Dear Mr. Mason

**Re: Highway 40 Bridge – Ghost River / Waiparous Creek**

It has been almost one year since our last communication with your office regarding the Highway 40 Bridge Replacement Project as we have been patiently waiting for follow up information regarding the project status from department staff.

Early this year the Summer Village was advised the next step in the process, the completion of a Functional Study, was scheduled to be completed by March 31, 2018 and a draft report submitted by the consultant to Alberta Transportation. It is our understanding that the Functional Study has been completed and that a Technical Review for the study is underway. We have been advised that the review will take until August 2018.

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 Alberta Transportation, 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.

Our Annual Meeting is being held on Saturday July 21, 2018 and Council plans to provide an update to our residents on the project status. Respectfully, we request your office provide to the Summer Village a summary of the draft Functional Study currently

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under review, a current schedule of proposed public engagement dates for this project, and a current list of milestone events, so we can be informed of the opportunities available for feedback and the timelines in place for decisions to be made. The strain of not knowing what might happen has taken its toll on our small community and residents, rightfully, are looking for answers.

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 their collective voices heard. Can we be assured by you, that the Summer Village of Waiparous will be provided an opportunity to provide meaningful input on the bridge alignment prior to any final decision being made?

On behalf of the Summer Village of Waiparous, I would like to thank you, in advance, for your consideration of our requests and we look forward to your reply.

Yours Truly,

SUMMER VILLAGE OF WAIPAROUS



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