



CATILINE CREEK DEBRIS FLOW MITIGATION PROJECT

Community Update #11

August 22, 2025

This is a project status update for Lillooet Lake Estates (LLE) community members regarding the debris flow mitigation project [related to the debris flow hazard at Catiline Creek](#).

Project Overview:

The project is to design, construct, and establish operation and maintenance of a debris flow mitigation structure for the Catiline Creek at Lillooet Lake Estates (LLE). The objective of the project is to reduce the risk to the community and potential for loss of life by increasing capacity of the existing channel to manage future debris flows up to 100,000m³ through the community, under a new forest service road bridge, and into Lillooet Lake. Details of the project scope, current funding and approved budget along with these community updates can be found on the project website: <https://www.slrd.bc.ca/catilinedfm>

Project Updates

Invitation to Tender and Award:

- The Invitation to Tender (ITT) for Construction Services closed on July 23, 2025 and the SLRD has worked through the evaluation and authorization process.
- The SLRD has awarded the contract to the Whistler-based company, Coastal Mountain Excavations Ltd., to be the General Contractor for the project.
- The SLRD is now working to bring the General Contractor on board, and further communication updates will be provided in the coming weeks.

Schedule

- Schedule – There are no changes to the project schedule at this time. The project schedule anticipates construction starting in Quarter 3 of 2025 and ending in Quarter 4 of 2026.
- The construction schedule remains dependent on a number of items, including finalising of key permits and approvals.
- More information on schedules will be provided in the coming weeks as the General Contractor is brought on board.

Permits and Approvals:

- The SLRD is continuing work to get permits and approvals in place for anticipated construction start this year, and complete work requested through permits received.
- The SLRD received notification that the provincial license of occupation (for the public land above and below the LLE parcels) was issued on July 15, 2025.

- With the General Contractor now on board, work is underway on additional permits required for the first phase of construction and to be applied for by the General Contractor.
- Attachment 1 of Project Status Update #7 contains a list of permits and approvals – [view the PDF of the attachment here](#).

Financial

- The successful bid was within the approved budget for the Catiline Creek debris flow mitigation project (\$11.697 million). The Project Budget report was approved at the November 27, 2024 Board meeting (staff report [here](#) and presentation recording [here](#))
- No loan funds have been drawn to date. The first draw on the loan is anticipated in early 2026. The amount of draws needed and the timing of such draws remains to be determined by the SLRD Board and is dependent on various factors, including updated cost estimates and project schedule. With the General Contractor now in place, staff are working to update cost estimates and determine a schedule for drawing loan funds. More information will be provided at an upcoming SLRD Board meeting.

Current Work:

At this time the project team is proceeding with a number of activities, including:

- Working to onboard the General Contractor and coordinate work for pre-construction and construction phases, including site visits
- Site visits for spotted owl surveys
- First Nations engagement and consultation activities including working with Lílwat Nation on referral update and response items including monitoring for construction services
- Following up on submitted provincial and federal permitting applications
- Finalising of the Statutory Right of Way required for the project
- Coordinating with the Ministry of Forests (MOF) for the replacement of the In-SHUCK-ch Forest Service Road (FSR) bridge (to be completed by MOF) and potential areas along the FSR to improve the road
- Coordinating with BC Hydro for proposed work and related agreements within the Hydro right of way
- Engagement and coordination with partners
- Project communications
- Updating grant administrators

Upcoming Milestones – Q3 2025:

- Coordinate work for pre-construction and construction phases with consultants, contractor, partners and rightsholders.
- Continue work on permitting and approvals.
- Continue First Nations engagement and consultation activities.

- Tree clearing and commencement of construction.

Site Visits:

In collaboration with LLE representatives, the SLRD will schedule site visits associated with pre-construction and construction phases. The SLRD anticipates increased site presence starting mid September, and mobilization by the General Contractor in October. When a site visit is confirmed, notices will be posted on the project page (<https://www.slrd.bc.ca/catilinedfm>) and shared to the community by LLE representatives. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these necessary site visits and inspections, as the SLRD continues to carry out this project. Please let the SLRD (pcampbell@slrd.bc.ca) and or LLE representatives know if you have any feedback at any time.

Project Governance:

The SLRD works with LLE on this project through the Project Steering Committee and regular coordination meetings. The Project Steering Committee includes senior SLRD staff, the project manager, and Gary Young (acting in an advisory capacity) as the appointed representative of the LLE Board, with Erich Klassen as alternate. This committee meets monthly to provide project oversight, and as needed makes recommendations to the SLRD Board for items requiring SLRD Board decisions or approvals.

SLRD Board Reports:

Meeting agenda packages are published on the [SLRD website at the Meetings Portal](#), and the reports are available to review prior to each meeting. Meetings can be attended in person at the SLRD administration office (1350 Aster Street, Pemberton), and can be viewed via livestream or recording. Information on how to view SLRD meetings is available on the [SLRD website](#).

Contact:

The SLRD appreciates the support of the community members during this important project. The SLRD is committed to keeping you informed and will provide another update once the next milestones are reached. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your LLE representative, or the SLRD staff listed on the project webpage: [slrd.bc.ca/catilinedfm](https://www.slrd.bc.ca/catilinedfm)