



CATILINE CREEK DEBRIS FLOW MITIGATION PROJECT

Community Update #14

February 24, 2026

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>

Construction Update:

- The construction phase of the project started in October 2025 and is currently on track to end in Quarter 4 of 2026. Construction activities have to date been focused on tree clearing, grubbing and burning, log hauling, site preparation, excavation and construction of the lakeside and FSR berms.
- SLRD staff presented Project Status Update #9 to the SLRD Board on January 28, 2025. The report and presentation included a brief review of construction activities to date and upcoming work. [The staff report is available online at this link](#), and [you can watch the presentation on YouTube here](#).
- From February 17 to approximately March 13 excavated materials will be hauled from Catiline Creek to the Ministry of Forest's road realignment project at 6.5 km on the FSR. [View traffic impacts on the road and construction update webpage](#).

Construction Communications

- Communications are being shared directly to the community by LLE representatives who have played a key role in keeping information flowing between the community and the project team.
- To help keep communication efficient, the SLRD encourages residents to direct their questions and feedback through their designated LLE representatives. Residents can also reach out to the SLRD staff listed on the project webpage: [slrd.bc.ca/catilinedfm](https://www.slrd.bc.ca/catilinedfm)
- Construction and road updates for the public are being posted to this page: <https://www.slrd.bc.ca/inside-slrd/current-projects-initiatives/catiline-debris-flow-mitigation-service-project/road-construction-updates>

Current Work:

At this time work underway includes the following:

- Coordinating construction with the project team comprising the General Contractor, engineers, Lilwat Nation and LLE representatives.
- Working with Lilwat Nation to review archaeological, cultural and environmental priorities during construction and planning archaeological and environmental monitoring
- 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 use of excavated materials from the project at the 6.5 k road realignment site (managed by MOF).
- Following up on submitted provincial and federal permitting applications
- First Nations engagement and consultation activities
- Project communications and engagement
- Updating grant administrators

Upcoming Milestones – Q2 2026:

- Replacement of the In-SHUCK-ch Forest Service Road (FSR) bridge. Work will be coordinated with MOF, and will include building a bypass and installing a temporary bridge.

Financial Planning Updates

- The project is tracking within the approved budget of \$11.697 million for the Catiline Creek debris flow mitigation project which was approved at the November 27, 2024 Board meeting (staff report [here](#) and presentation recording [here](#)).
- Project costs fall within the Catiline Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Service, Cost Centre #2406 (“CC#2406”). [View the information sheet about the service, the loan authorization and project costs shared November 2024 at this link.](#)
- The SLRD’s financial planning process is currently underway. For an overview of this process, [view the 2026-2030 Financial Plan information page](#).
- Staff have been working on several items related to financial planning for CC#2406. The following items will be presented to the SLRD Board in the coming weeks:
 - Draft budget - The draft budget for CC#2406 was presented at the Electoral Area Directors (EAD) Committee meeting on February 14 ([staff report available online here](#) and [presentation recording here](#)). The final draft budget will be presented at the March 9, 2026 EAD Committee meeting, then go to the SLRD Board meeting on March 25, 2026 for consideration of adoption.
 - Loan – Drawing of the approved loan funds can occur in various draws, up to a maximum of \$4 million. At this time, SLRD staff are recommending to the Board

that 2 separate draws be made, with the first draw of \$1 million dollars to cover anticipated project costs. In the coming months, staff will review the needs associated with the future second draw, including timing and amount. Each draw of funds requires the SLRD Board to adopt a security issuing bylaw, and staff will present the [Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1953-2026 \(Catiline Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Service\) staff report](#) to the SLRD Board at the February 25, 2026 meeting.

- Offsite offsetting – the federal Emergency Authorization approval for the Catiline Creek Debris Flow mitigation project includes a requirement for the SLRD to complete an offsite offsetting project. On a preliminary basis, the Board directed staff to incorporate the initial staff estimate (\$1.265 million) for implementation of the offsite offsetting project into Cost Centre #1000 (General Government) (“CC#1000”) for further consideration in the financial planning process, with design costs remaining in CC#2406. [The details are available online in a staff report](#), which will be presented to the SLRD Board at the February 25, 2026 meeting for consideration. The SLRD will pursue grant funding opportunities related to carrying out the offsite offsetting project.
- Cost recovery agreement - In response to a request from Lillooet Lake Estates (LLE), the Board directed staff to bring back a draft cost recovery agreement. If approved by the Board, this agreement would allow LLE to pay service costs for the Catiline Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Service directly to the SLRD, rather than through the provincial tax requisition process. Paying service costs directly to the SLRD would allow the community to avoid the 5.25% collection fee charged by the Province for the collection of taxes. Staff have developed a draft cost recovery agreement and are seeking Board approval at the February 25, 2026 Board meeting to finalize the agreement with LLE. [The staff report is available online here](#).

Site Visits / Site Presence:

There will be increased site presence by the General Contractor and other project partners through 2026. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as the SLRD continues to carry out this project.

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 quarterly 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