



CATILINE CREEK DEBRIS FLOW MITIGATION PROJECT

Community Update #15

April 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, channel excavation and construction of the lakeside and FSR berms, creation of the temporary bypass and installation of the temporary bridge over Catiline Creek.
- Open burning has ended, and will resume later if conditions are suitable. Updates will be provided through community representatives and the [SLRD website](#) if burning activities start again.
- Approved working hours are in place. Work outside approved hours is subject to an approval process which includes LLE representatives. Work on Saturdays has been approved in principle, and will be reviewed on an ongoing basis with community representatives through the summer. Construction activity is not anticipated on long weekends.
- Closures of some areas will be required. Closures will be reviewed with LLE representatives and communicated through community channels. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we keep the project moving forward.

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 Lil'wat 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).
- Following up on submitted provincial and federal permitting applications
- First Nations engagement and consultation activities
- Project communications and engagement
- Grant administration

Upcoming Milestones – Q2 2026:

- Staff presented a project update at the April 22, 2026 SLRD Board Meeting at 1:00 pm. [View the report online at this link](#) and [watch the presentation on YouTube at this link](#)
- Replacement of the In-SHUCK-ch Forest Service Road (FSR) bridge is anticipated to begin in May. Work will be completed by MOF. A temporary access will be put in place for Gate 5 by MOF, and is being coordinated between MOF and LLE.

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 2026-2030 5 year budget for Catiline Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Service (Cost Centre #2406) was adopted at the March 25, 2026 meeting of the SLRD Board and is available to [view online at this link to the detailed Financial Plan](#) (pages 235-239).
- Loan – At the February 25, 2026 meeting the SLRD Board approved an initial loan draw of \$1,000,000 to cover anticipated project expenditures ([view the staff report online here](#)). Based on current project cost estimates, the total borrowing anticipated for the project is \$1,933,243, although this amount remains subject to change. Additional borrowing will be undertaken at a later date under this loan authorization bylaw, as amounts drawn cannot be returned once borrowed.
- Offsite offsetting – The Board approved a funding strategy for the implementation phase of the offsite offsetting project that included incorporating the associated initial staff estimate (\$1.265 million including staff time) into Cost Centre #1000 (General Government). The SLRD will pursue grant funding opportunities related to carrying out the offsite offsetting project. [View the staff report online here.](#)

- Cost recovery agreement - At the February 25, 2026 meeting the Board approved a cost recovery agreement setting out an alternative way for funding (that would otherwise be tax requisitioned) to be provided directly by the corporate landowner to the SLRD ([view the staff report online here](#)). LLE has opted to use the cost recovery process for 2026, which is reflected in the Financial Plan.

Site Visits / Site Presence:

There will continue to be an 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.

Site Safety:

The mitigation project happening in your community is an active construction site, for your safety, and the safety of friends and family please be aware of the following hazards:

- Heavy machinery operating throughout the day (excavators, loaders, and other equipment in motion)
- Frequent rock truck traffic entering and exiting the site
- Increased vehicle movement on LLE private roads and the Forest Service Road (FSR)
- Limited visibility and variable terrain in work zones
- Noise and dust related to ongoing construction activity

We ask all residents to remain alert, follow posted signage, and keep clear of construction areas and moving equipment. Additional information will be provided through community representatives. Your help educating visitors and children about these construction hazards and important safety messages is greatly appreciated.

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: sldr.bc.ca/catilinedfm
- Construction and road updates for the public are being posted to this page: <https://www.sldr.bc.ca/inside-sldr/current-projects-initiatives/catiline-debris-flow-mitigation-service-project/road-construction-updates>

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 to SLRD staff as listed on the project webpage: slrd.bc.ca/catilinedfm