

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.slrld.bc.ca/catilinedfm>

Project Updates:

- SLRD staff presented the Project Budget to the SLRD Board at the November 27, 2024 Board meeting (staff report [here](#) and presentation recording [here](#). At this meeting, the SLRD Board approved an updated project budget of \$11.697 million and associated project schedule, which anticipates construction starting in Quarter 3 of 2025 and ending in Quarter 4 of 2026.
- The current 5 year budget for Catiline Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Service (Cost Centre #2406) is [available to view online in the Financial Plan](#). At this time, eligible project costs have been covered by grant funds through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund with ineligible costs covered by tax requisition.
- Loan Authorization - At this time, the SLRD has not yet borrowed any funds from the \$4 million loan that has been authorized for this project, however the full loan amount of \$4 million dollars is included in confirmed funding for the project.
- The Financial Plan for the Catiline Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Service (Cost Centre #2406) will be presented to the SLRD Board in March 2025. The following costs will be incorporated in the Catiline Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Service (Cost Centre #2406):
 - the approved budget for the Catiline Creek debris flow mitigation project (\$11.697 million);
 - the initial staff estimate for the implementation phase of the offsite offsetting work (\$1.265 million), which will be carried out as a future separate project;
 - projected service administration costs; and
 - updated operations and maintenance cost estimates.
- LLE representatives had had the opportunity to provide comments on a first draft of the Financial Plan. To learn more about the SLRD's Financial Planning process, [view the 2025-2029 Financial Plan information page](#).
- Staff presented Project Status Update 6 and a request for Board Approval to approve the issuance of the Invitation to Tender for construction services at the February 26, 2025 meeting. (View [Status Update report here](#) and [Request for Approval report here](#)).

Current Work:

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

- First Nations engagement and consultation activities including working with Líl'wat Nation on referral response items
- Provincial land tenure application
- Provincial and federal permitting applications
- Working with SLRD Finance Department on items related to financial planning for the Cost Centre
- Working with LLE representatives and Inspector of Dikes regarding the statutory right of way required for the project
- Working on preparing amendment to the KWL Engineering Services Agreement
- Working on upcoming procurement for construction services
- Reviewing items related to funding strategy including grant opportunities
- 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 the proposed work within the Hydro right of way
- Engagement and coordination with interested parties
- Project communications
- Grant administration
- Insurance review

Upcoming Milestones – Q1 - 3 2025:

- The SLRD Board will be considering the 5-year Financial Plan for the Cost Centre between January and March with the final review at the March 26, 2025 Board meeting, at which time the Board is expected to consider adoption of the Financial Plan Bylaw.
- Continue work on permitting and coordination with partners and rightsholders.
- Continue First Nations engagement and consultation activities.
- Prepare for construction services procurement.

Site Visits:

The SLRD and their consultants/contractors and partners will continue to conduct necessary site visits related to the project in and around Lillooet Lake Estates in the coming months. 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 works towards reducing debris flow risk in the Lillooet Lake Estates community. 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 Peter Shrimpton as Mr. Young's 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:

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