



## CATILINE CREEK DEBRIS FLOW MITIGATION PROJECT

### Community Update # 8

### May 21, 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 100,000m<sup>3</sup> 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:

- Construction Services Tender – the SLRD Board has approved the issuance of the Invitation to Tender for the construction services phase, subject to associated requirements being met. At this time, staff are following up with external parties to resolve remaining requirements. Key work items include:
  - Working with the provincial Inspector of Dikes on items related to the Dike Maintenance Act approval
  - Finalizing the statutory right of way with Lillooet Lake Estates and the and public land tenure with the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship.
- Tender documents - Staff have been engaging with LLE representatives during the preparation for tender to ensure community needs and operational requirements are reflected in tender documents, including communications and coordination during construction, access, peak visitation times, and safety issues.
- Schedule - The project schedule approved anticipates construction starting in Quarter 3 of 2025 and ending in Quarter 4 of 2026. The anticipated construction start date has shifted by a month to align with provincial regulatory requirements (spotted owl windows).
- SLRD staff will present Project Status Update #7 to the SLRD Board on May 28, 2025 meeting. The staff report will be available for viewing on the [SLRD website at the Meetings Portal](#).

#### Service Updates:

- The SLRD Board approved the 5 year budget for Catiline Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Service (Cost Centre #2406) on March 26, 2025, and the budget is [available to view online in the Financial Plan](#). Key points as follows:
  - The 5 year budget incorporates information from the Project Budget report shared at the November 27, 2024 Board meeting (staff report [here](#) and presentation recording [here](#), including:

- 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.
- Requisition for 2025 is \$217,206.
- No loan funds have been drawn to date. The first draw on the loan is anticipated in 2025 or 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 tender process results, updated cost estimates and project schedule.

### **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 Lílwat Nation on referral update and response items
- Following up on submitted Provincial land tenure application
- Following up on submitted provincial and federal permitting applications
- Confirming provincial, federal and regional permitting for construction
- Working with LLE representatives and Inspector of Dikes regarding the statutory right of way required for the project
- Preparing construction services procurement documents
- 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
- Working with insurance advisors to review construction insurance options
- Engagement and coordination with partners
- Project communications
- Grant administration

### **Upcoming Milestones – Q2 2025:**

- Continue work on permitting and coordination with partners and rightsholders.
- Continue First Nations engagement and consultation activities.
- If requirements for construction services tender can be met, issue the Invitation to Tender for construction services.

**Site Visits:**

Any site visits associated with upcoming tender and construction phases will be planned in collaboration with LLE representatives. When a site visit is confirmed, notices will be posted on the project page (<https://www.slrld.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](mailto: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: [slrd.bc.ca/catilinedfm](https://www.slrld.bc.ca/catilinedfm)