



CATILINE CREEK DEBRIS FLOW MITIGATION PROJECT

Community Update #12

September 16, 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

Status Update

SLRD staff will present Project Status Update #8 to the SLRD Board on September 17, 2025 at 1:00 pm. The report and presentation will provide a high-level overview of the construction phase. ([Click here to view the agenda and report](#)). Information on how to view SLRD meetings is available on the [SLRD website](#).

Schedule

- The project schedule remains unchanged. The project schedule anticipates construction starting in Quarter 3 of 2025 and ending in Quarter 4 of 2026.
- A pre-construction meeting and site visit was held September 15, 2025, involving the general contractor Coastal Mountain Excavations Ltd. (the "General Contractor"), the SLRD's engineering consultants, some project partners, and LLE representatives.
- The General Contractor will be focusing on site layout in the coming weeks. Mobilisation of equipment and facilities is expected to begin the last week of September and on site construction is expected to begin the first week of October.
- Construction will initially focus on tree clearing and will then shift to excavation and placement of materials in the lower section (below the In-SHUCK-ch FSR).
- Follow-up communication regarding construction details will be shared once they are known.

Permits and Approvals

- The statutory right of way has been finalized and registration at the Land Title Office is

pending.

Financial

- The successful bid was within the approved budget of \$11.697 million for the Catiline Creek debris flow mitigation project. The Project Budget report was approved at the November 27, 2024 Board meeting (staff report [here](#) and presentation recording [here](#))
- The SLRD has not yet drawn on any loan funds (up to \$4 million has been authorized for this project). SLRD staff is currently expecting to draw the loan in 2 separate draws with exact timing and amounts to be determined by the SLRD Board based on updated cost estimates, project schedule and the Municipal Finance Authority deadlines. Updates will be shared as details become finalized.
- SLRD staff expect to be bringing a security issuing bylaw for the first draw to an SLRD Board meeting in Fall 2025. The first draw is expected to be received by the SLRD from the Municipal Finance Authority in early 2026.

Construction Communications

- Residents can expect to see some changes in communications as the project transitions into the construction phase. LLE representatives will continue to play a key role in keeping information flowing between the community and the project team. To keep communication efficient, the SLRD asks that residents direct 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

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 and permitting by the General Contractor
- 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
- 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, General Contractor, partners and rightsholders.
- Continue work on permitting and approvals.
- Continue First Nations engagement and consultation activities.
- Tree clearing and commencement of construction by the General Contractor.

Site Visits / Site Presence:

In collaboration with LLE representatives, the SLRD will schedule site visits associated with pre-construction and construction phases. Moving forward, there will be increased site presence by the General Contractor and other project partners.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation with the increased site presence 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