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Honorable Rob Fleming

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

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RE: FARMINGTON BRIDGE Replacement on ROAD #218 (now closed)

The above noted bridge has serviced the Farmington community for the past 70+ years. Currently 5 plus active farms depend on this bridge to access their fields. A very high-water event on June 14, 2020 washed out both of the approaches and revealed a deteriorating under carriage. Presently the road is closed as the bridge is blocked off.

To do a proper re-build of the bridge it will need to be totally replaced in the interest of Public Safety. The key feature of this bridge is that it provides an alternate route around Alaska Highway #97. The larger farm equipment that we use today now poses a SERIOUS SAFETY THREAT on Highway #97 and this bridge route allows us to safely access our fields.

We need assurance of your Ministry that THE BRIDGE WILL BE REPLACED PRIOR TO April 15, 2021 in interest of Public Safety and so we can access our fields without using Highway #97 for the Spring Seeding of 2021.

An immediate response to our need is required.

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