



May 5, 2023

Department of Highways

Re: Highways in and out of Eston

Whom it may concern,

As the Fire Chief, I am writing to express the concerns of the entire Fire Department regarding the highways around Eston and its surrounding areas. We provide fire services to four different areas, including the Town of Eston, RM of Snipe Lake No.259, RM of Newcombe, and the RM of Lacadena.

One of the main issues we face is the inability to promptly and securely respond to incidents due to the poor condition of the roads. The hazardous road conditions pose a significant risk for first responders to navigate, potentially leading to accidents or equipment damage.

The fire fighting equipment is subject to extensive wear and tear, especially to the suspension and tires, and a blown tire could result in a rollover and jeopardize the safety of the responders. Moreover, the equipment stored in the compartments can be damaged due to the rough terrain, which poses a threat to the lives of victims and first responders upon arrival at the scene.

The government officials acknowledge the importance of volunteer firefighters in the province, and it is essential that they prioritize our safety by improving the road conditions, which would enable us to perform our duties more efficiently.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me the Fire Chief for Eston & District or the CAO for the Town of Eston at 306-962-4444 or cao@eston.ca

Respectfully,

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