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Community Notice: Pavement Milling Placement in the Neskonlith Community

Dear Neskonlith Community Members,

We hope this message finds you well. We are writing to inform you about how and why the pavement milling placement took place in the community. It was never the intent of Sk'atsin Resources LLP to create concern, discontent, put our employees or community members into harms way.

A road issue arose on IR#3 with the School bus refusing to go down First Nations Road to pick up Children due to the potholes and the poor condition of the road. Sk'atsin was tasked to come up with a plan and costs to repair road infrastructure not only on IR#3 but IR#1 and IR#2. Administration with Sk'atsin developed a road infrastructure plan to address the immediate repairs and address the Neskonlith Community Comprehensive Plan (CCP) based on the current Road Infrastructure funding Neskonlith has for Fiscal year 2024. Neskonlith Administration with Sk'atsin Resources was offered up the opportunity to acquire the Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) or (the old highway pavement) ahead of other bands in the area at a more economical cost then crushed gravel. Neskonlith was able to secure some (RAP) at a reasonable cost and at a minimal trucking costs to the band. Neskonlith had available funding to address long needed road infrastructure repairs, emergency route access, reduce vegetation growth and define drivable areas from risk of cigarettes or hot mufflers igniting a grass fire. We at Sk'atsin asked and were provided Material Data Safety Sheets (MSDS) and third party information that the RAP posed no health risk unless ingested. (PLEASE DO NOT EAT THE ASPHALT!!). The RAP has been sensationalized by a small group opposing the project as Toxic Tailings from mining or oil sands operations I want to confirm with you that it is road millings from exhausted Highways pavement material and is not Toxic. The pavement has not been heated in any way no chemicals or materials have been added to it. Environment and Climate Change Canada officers attended Neskonlith IR and confirmed that the RAP again poses no health risks unless ingested. The company's intent was to address the Neskonlith CCP, provide infrastructure upgraded to all IR's, clean up garbage and unwanted vegetation to reduce potential wildfire threats within the community. We regret that some members feel that the project and the information could have been communicated and executed better to the Neskonlith community and for that we are truly sorry and intend to do better in the future. As for the actions and the events that have taken place while this project was happening on Neskonlith lands and the TransCanada Highway with Sk'atsin Employees and contractors having threats, damaging equipment, paint spread, mischief and assaults occurring from Neskonlith Elders, members and non members is unaccusable behavior of anyone in any community. We regret that these same people are causing discontent and disrespecting Neskonlith community members. We do appreciate the community members

that have come forward to support and stand behind this road Infrastructure Project. We hope to complete this initiative soon and in a timely manner.

What to Expect:

- **Noise:** There will be increased noise in the vicinity of the milling placement operations. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
- **Traffic Disruptions:** Some roads may be temporarily closed or have restricted access during the milling process. Please follow all posted signs and directions from construction personnel.
- **Safety:** For your safety and the safety of the workers, please stay clear of the construction zones and keep children and pets away from these areas.

Benefits:

- Improved road conditions
- Dust Control
- Water Control
- Enhanced safety for vehicles
- Extended lifespan of our community's road infrastructure
- Reduced Wildfire Risk from Vegetation growth

Contact Information: If you have any questions or concerns about the pavement milling placement, please contact Gary Gray at 250-679-3296 or Coo@skatsin.com. You can also visit our office for more information.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to improve the community's infrastructure. Thank you for your patience and support.

Respectfully,

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