

Subject: Rural Egress Roads - Anzac and Janvier**APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the Rural Egress Roads for Anzac and Janvier Report be accepted as information.

Summary:

Administration has posted a request for proposal (RFP) on April 1, 2021 to retain an engineering consultant to complete detailed design and Land Acquisition services for the Rural Egress Roads in Anzac and Janvier.

Anzac

The scope of the Anzac Egress road will consist of 8 metres wide carriageway, 30 metres right-of-way, 60 kilometres per hour design speed, gravel surface and 3.4 kilometres length extending between Cheecham Drive and Long Lake Access Road. The proposed road will cross wetlands where 50 metres right-of way is required. The preliminary estimated cost of this egress road is approximately \$9.3 million.

For the portion of the egress road located on Crown land, a Department License of Occupation (DLO) disposition approval is required, including First Nations consultations as per Provincial guidelines. The estimated time to receive this DLO approval is six (6) to twelve (12) months.

Janvier

The scope of the Janvier Egress road consists of 8 metres wide carriageway, 30 metres right-of-way, 60 kilometres per hour design speed, gravel surface and 4.8 kilometres length extending between Janvier Reserve Road and Highway 881. The proposed road will cross a muskeg area where 50 metres right-of-way is required. The proposed egress road crosses the Christina River and two (2) creeks. A major bridge structure is needed at the Christina River crossing and two (2) bridge size culverts are needed at the creek crossing. The preliminary estimated cost of the Janvier Egress road is approximately \$23.5 million.

The egress road alignment uses an existing First Nations road that passes through Janvier Reserve land and Crown land.

- The portion east of Highway 881 to the Janvier Reserve boundary, a DLO disposition approval is required from the Province, including First Nations consultations as per Provincial guidelines. The estimated time to receive this DLO approval is between six (6) to twelve (12) months.
- Federal and Provincial approval is required for the portion of the road that passes through the Janvier Reserve and crosses the Christina River.
- As per *Federal Migratory Birds Convention Act*, there is a restricted activity period (between March 1 to August 31) for all portions of the road related to tree clearing.

The project plan in Anzac and Janvier is shown in the below table:

Project Plan	
	Timeline
RFP Posted	April 01, 2021
RFP Close	April 27, 2021
Project Award	July 2021
Completion of Detailed Design	September 2022
Start Construction	2023
Substantial Construction Completion	2025

Background:

After the Horse River Wildfire, the RMWB Wildfire Recovery Plan was put in place to guide the recovery of the region. One of the key action items in this plan was to mitigate risk and provide resiliency.

A major project identified post-wildfire was to build permanent egress roads in the rural communities to provide access in the event of an emergency. Administration has already

completed a preliminary design report for the Anzac and Janvier Egress Roads.

Budget/Financial Implications:

To complete construction of the egress roads in both communities (Anzac and Janvier), a total cost of approximately \$32.8 million will be required. These funds are included in the Capital Budget and plan for the Secondary Egress Roads project.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government
Rural and Indigenous Communities and Partnerships

Attachments:

1. Anzac Egress Road Alignment
2. Janvier Egress Road Alignment