

Speak up NOW before it's too late!

At a cost of \$162 million,

the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is proposing to widen the highway inside the boundaries of Goldstream Park to continue installing a median barrier. Part of the plan is to blast rock walls, cut 700+ trees shading Goldstream River, build a retaining wall that intrudes into the river's bank and eliminate a trail beside the river, replacing it with a metal walk hung off the side of the highway wall.

Not only will this NOT enhance the flow of traffic, it will adversely impact the Goldstream River which supports wild chum, coho and chinook salmon. The Ministry estimates 600,000 people enjoy visiting this park annually with peaks during summer and salmon spawning season.

At the entrance to the river the <u>W</u>SÁNEĆ practice their ongoing Douglas Treaty rights which include fishing, food gathering, ceremonial gatherings and stewardship responsibilities over the Goldstream River.

Meanwhile, a contractor has been hired and bulldozing could begin any time!

ACT NOW! There ARE alternatives.

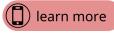
How about slowing to 40km/ hour for 4 kms instead of spending \$162 million?

We want our government to uphold these Douglas Treaty rights, to sustain the wild salmon for future generations, and to protect the Goldstream River and this Class A Provincial Park.

Let your voice be heard. Please contact the Premier's office or Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, or Minister of Indigenous Relations.

A sample draft message with contacts is available here: <u>jamesbayunited.com/get-connected/reconciliation</u>





This is an initiative of the Reconciling with Indigenous Peoples and the Land group.



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