

Honourable Claire Trevena  
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We are the Corcan Meadowood Residents Association and Little Qualicum River Village. As such we represent approximately 2500 residents of Area "F" in the Regional District of Nanaimo. We are currently looking into the **health and safety concerns** of our residents including emergency evacuation plans and access for emergency vehicles.

At the moment we have a **single route** in and out of the area. Our concern is the limitations of having **only one** lengthy (10+ kms) road for access and exit in the event of a catastrophic event such as fire or earthquake and the general need for **emergency and ambulance services** to access and exit this area and reach a hospital within the time sensitive "golden hour".

Recent events such as the wind storm of December 2018, examples of fire evacuations in other areas of BC and the increasing threat of forest fires due to climate change underline the urgent need to address this single route issue.

Our committee has looked into several possible solutions to emergency access and evacuation but of course we need the various levels of government involvement to make them a reality. We have the full support of our regional district representative, Leanne Salter, and we are seeking your assistance in addressing our concerns.

To emphasize the pressing need for emergency access, we have asked our residents to share their personal experiences and specific concerns with you.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns, and we look forward to receiving a response from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Chris Burger, President, Corcan Meadowood Residents Association  
Trish Curtin, President, Little Qualicum River Village

cc: Scott Fraser

cc: Leanne Salter