

Councillor Colleen Ross, Report  
September 24, 2018

\*Flood Recovery Meeting with MP, Friday September 7—Met with MP Richard Cannings. Richard asked specifically to review the most recent recommendations, and the reports from the advisors and Flood Recovery Team. Graham Watt (Recovery Team Manager) made a comprehensive presentation, followed by a tour of each flood affected neighborhood, and the downtown businesses. ***Richard will advocate for disaster relief and grant funding support at the federal level.***

Summary: Richard wanted to be updated so that he could advocate with the fullest understanding of the reports and recommendations. Richard has visited GF on several occasions since the flood in May, including 2, day long visits, and onsite tours of the flood effected zones during the week of the flood. (Mayor Konrad was not available on the day of the visit on Sept. 7th)

\*Attended public meeting regarding decisions and recommendations related to 2018 flood disaster.

\*BC Timber Sales: Met with several staff members of BCTS to tour and discuss forest plans, and the logging that is currently happening at Miller and Hornet Creek. We spent considerable time in the logging sites, discussing details of the current forest practice methodologies, size of the blocks, rationales for logging where they are (steeper and deeper), AAC, watershed, and future plans.

Some points of interest for follow up include:

- BCTS currently appears to have no interest in having the AAC reduced
- BCTS will cut the lower part of Hornet Creek, impacting the water source for residents in the area, but they are saying that they will compensate the landowner by assisting with infrastructure to capture and store water when it is at a higher flow. Landowner is engaging with BCTS and has serious concerns about losing his water source.
- BCTS will cut Hornet Mountain right to the Granby Road, and along Granby Road
- BCTS does not think that forestry impacts the rate at which freshet melts, especially at lower elevations
- BCTS can advise the city about how to manage forest/urban interface to reduce fire risk