

Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 11:59 AM  
Subject: 181135 - Gabriola Island Aggregate

Dear Erik:

Thank you for your e-mail of June 11, 2009, expressing your ongoing concerns regarding the surfacing gravel used on Gabriola Island roads. Please accept my apologies for the lateness of my reply.

I recognize this is an important issue for you and the Gabriola Island Ratepayers, and I understand you have corresponded with my predecessor, the Honourable Kevin Falcon in the past, and had contact with local ministry staff to discuss your concerns.

As has been indicated previously, the surfacing gravel used on Gabriola Island roads has been tested extensively, and meets ministry standards. It's important to note dust can be an issue with all gravels, and is not unique to the material used on Gabriola Island.

Dust control materials are usually applied on gravel roads once the warmer, drier weather of spring and summer arrive to prevent dusty conditions. Unfortunately, this year our supplier was unable to provide dust control material on time. This resulted in dust control being applied to Gabriola Island roads approximately two weeks later than in previous years.

If you have further questions, Jim Symington, Operations Manager of my ministry's Central Island Area, would be pleased to assist you. He can be reached at 250 751-7136 or by e-mail at [Jim.Symington@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jim.Symington@gov.bc.ca).

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Shirley Bond  
Minister

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