

1    **B-5 Upgrade Access Road, Upper Salmon, \$674,500**

2    Q.    Provide details as to the current condition of the road which are causing the  
3           need for these expenditures, setting out full reasons as to why “the road  
4           requires significant upgrades to extend its service life and provide safe and  
5           reliable access”.

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8    A.    Please refer to IC-6 NLH.

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10       Significant upgrades are required for a number of reasons including the  
11       following:

- 12       •   Most of the road topping placed 25 years ago is now gone as a result of  
13           weathering, grading and snow clearing.
- 14       •   Road topping has been lost over the shoulders, causing the road to be  
15           wider in some places which is causing damage and blockage to some  
16           culverts. Infilling of ditches also occurs which causes more problems in  
17           relation to run-off control and drainage.
- 18       •   Partial flow blockage in culverts is due to ditch erosion which could  
19           eventually lead to road overtopping and possible washouts.
- 20       •   Surface is very rough containing cobble sized rocks. The road condition  
21           leads to high vehicle maintenance costs as a result of travelling over this  
22           road on a daily basis.