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The Hon. Catherine McKenna
Minister of Infrastructure and Communities
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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RE: White Rock Pier

Dear Minister McKenna,

I am writing to advocate for the allocation of federal infrastructure dollars to the emergency restoration and reinforcement of the White Rock Pier in my riding of South Surrey—White Rock.

Originally built in 1914, the White Rock Pier has been an important community amenity and tourism attraction for over a century. Extending north-south into Semiahmoo Bay, the 470-metre Pier is the longest in Canada. It is used daily for fishing, crabbing, walking, and more. The Pier drives significant traffic to neighbouring shops and restaurants along the White Rock Beach Promenade and Marine Drive, businesses that have suffered greatly amidst the pandemic. It is also host to many annual special events, including Picnic on the Pier, White Rock Sea Festival and Semiahmoo Days, and Canada Day by the Bay.

In December of 2018, the White Rock Pier was severely damaged by a storm. A king tide and winds measuring 91 km/h tore our beloved Pier apart, causing significant structural damage and erasing a 100-metre section altogether.

An initial repair, costing \$4.3 million, allowed the Pier to reopen in July 2019. Earlier this month, Westmar Advisors Inc., the company responsible for the repair design, was recognized with an award of merit from the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of B.C. for its work on the Pier. For your reference, I have attached an article published in the BC Local News on May 3 detailing this project and award.

Despite this initial repair, the Pier's restoration is far from finished. Years after the storm, it continues to require emergency reinforcement to protect it from future, unpredictable weather and seismic events. Until this reinforcement is complete, the Pier remains vulnerable.

The reinforcement of the Pier is estimated to cost at least \$11.6 million. The Mayor of White Rock has assured me this is a shovel ready project. I am told all that is needed to proceed is the requisite funds.

That is why I am writing to support this important project, and to ask you to partner with the community and provide the required federal share of funding. Let us reinforce the Pier before another storm washes it away.

I appreciate your attention to this urgent matter and look forward to your response.

Yours truly,



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