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Yoho Lake Road construction has gone on long enough

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Dear Editor: This letter concerns the Yoho Lake Road and the Department of Transportation. They did chip-seal the one-kilometre stretch they said they would do and upgrade the next 1.4 kilometres. They left us with rocks to drive on but thank goodness snow came early.

Over the winter and spring those rocks got dug up by the grader and we were left with a very holey road. Since then they have been giving us carrots. We don't want anymore carrots. Either do the job or not.

We will not be placated anymore. There has been one excuse after another. Two trees cut here, two trees cut there (yes, we are working on the road). One month later, a run-off here, a bit of gravel there (yes, we are working on the road). One month later, ditch digging here, cleanup there (yes, we are working on the road).

The most recent work is rocks. They dumped a couple loads of rock and disappeared again (yes, we are working on the road). There have been flat tires, ruined shocks, brake pads and gas tanks and more than the normal amount of wear and tear on the vehicles. When will it end?

We have been promised next year it will be all done. Meanwhile more wear and tear. Every time something gets fixed the government gets their cut as well as our property taxes. Where does it all go?

In my opinion, it goes into coffee and eats as they sit around discussing, surveying, studying, testing and meeting on what they can give us for another carrot. Enough, summer is almost over and winter is almost here and we are still on a dusty, dirty and holey road.

This is the beginning of airing our grievances. We want action (meat, not carrots) now because we are hungry and ready.

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