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Honourable Jason Kenney, P.C., M.L.A.  
Premier of Alberta  
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Dear Premier Kenney:

Further to our discussion on December 9, 2021, I write to you today regarding the previously announced project for Highway 956 to create an all-weather road connecting La Loche, Saskatchewan and Fort McMurray, Alberta. This was announced in 2005 by former Saskatchewan Premier Lorne Calvert and former Alberta Premier Ralph Klein as a joint project to celebrate both provinces' centennials. I have attached the news release for your information.

The road was expected to take three years to complete, with construction to begin as early as 2006. Unfortunately, it was never completed, although a significant amount of work has been done on the Saskatchewan side. Of the roughly 53 kilometers of this road on the Saskatchewan side, we have already completed 44 kilometers up to Garson Lake.

I am pleased to announce our government's commitment to complete the remaining nine kilometers up to the Alberta border by 2023. I am asking your government to make a similar commitment to complete the Alberta side of this important project.

A new and alternative route will offer better access between our northern communities. Once complete, this road will give employers in the Athabasca oil sands access to a valuable labour pool in northern Saskatchewan while providing lucrative new employment opportunities to this region. Along with the economic benefits, it will improve public safety for northern citizens, particularly during emergencies for improved emergency response, and will also provide evacuation routes to citizens during times of crisis.

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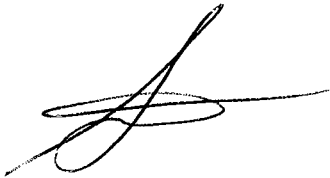
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We recognize the need for our governments to work together on completing this project to ensure we each benefit from this vital new economic and transportation link. It will be especially important for our officials to finalize route design and connection locations in the coming months.

I look forward to working with you and your government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Scott Moe', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Scott Moe  
Premier

Attachment

cc: Honourable Fred Bradshaw, Minister of Highways  
Honourable Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Transportation



## NEW ROAD WILL LINK NORTHERN SASKATCHEWAN TO ATHABASCA OIL SANDS

*Released on September 15, 2005*

A new all-weather road between La Loche, Saskatchewan and Fort McMurray, Alberta will create new economic opportunities on both sides of the border, improve access to services and schools and create new recreational opportunities for people living in both provinces.

Saskatchewan Premier Lorne Calvert and Alberta Premier Ralph Klein announced construction of the \$45 million La Loche Road as a joint project to celebrate both provinces' centennials.

"Transportation is the key to realizing the vast potential of both the people and resources of northern Saskatchewan," Calvert said. "In this the Centennial year for both Saskatchewan and Alberta, the time is right for our northern residents to take their rightful place in the economic and social mainstream of the province."

"The La Loche Road will give employers in the Athabasca oil sands access to a valuable new resource – the labour pool in northern Saskatchewan," Klein said. "In return, skilled workers in northern Saskatchewan will have lucrative new employment opportunities."

Alberta will invest \$40 million to complete the 65-kilometre link from Highway 881, just south of Anzac, to the Saskatchewan border, including a major bridge crossing at the Christina River. Saskatchewan will upgrade the existing road (Highway 956) from the border to the junction of Highway 155, south of La Loche, at a cost of approximately \$5 million.

The road is expected to take three years to complete, with construction beginning as early as 2006.

The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo currently operates the Alberta leg of the road as a winter road. Once work is completed, motorists will be able to use the road year-round.

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