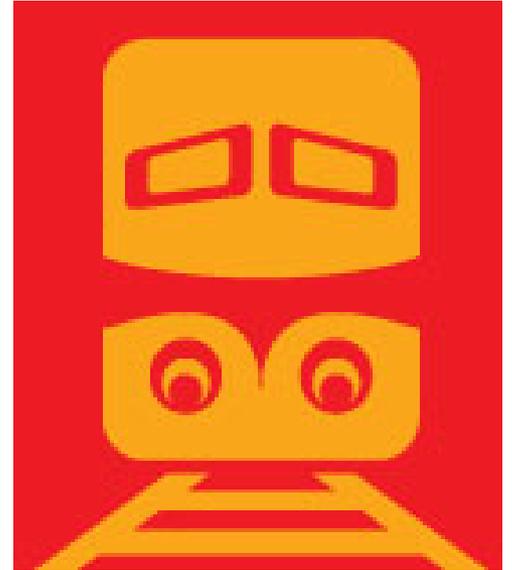


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June 24, 2020

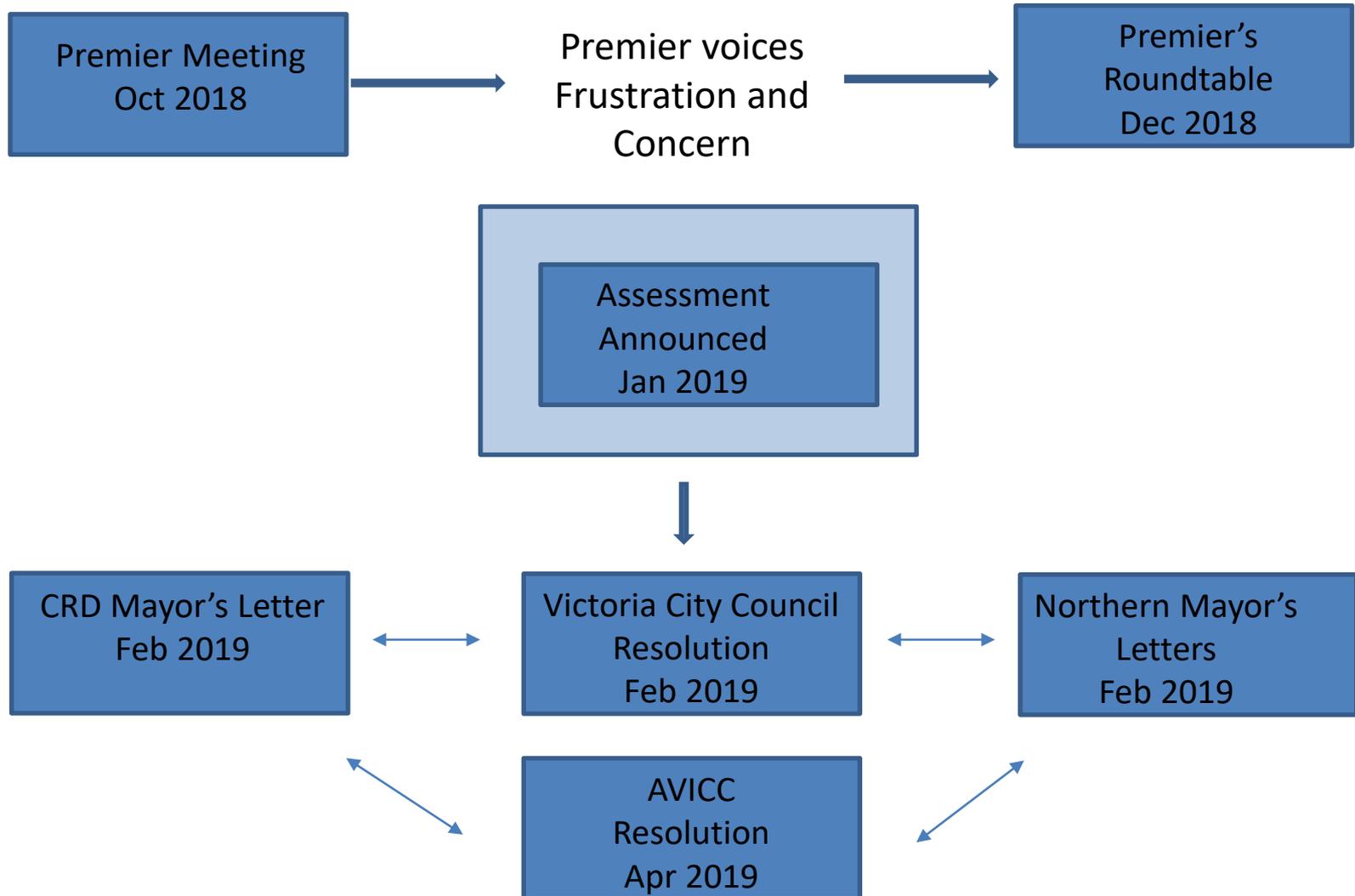


Update to ACRD

- Last before you in January of 2019
 - Staff requested an update in Feb
 - Due to scheduling conflicts we scheduled a Mar date
 - COVID 19 of course pushed us to where we are today
- Certainly nice to be back before you
 - A lot has happened since last January



Update to ACRD Board



Where are we today?



The Assessment

- This was a necessary step in the process of getting to a shared vision
 - This is a complex document
 - We are in general agreement with its findings
 - Costs associated with restoration – materials and work
 - Some areas are problematic
 - 50% contingency and 50% admin costs
 - » Doubles the overall project cost
 - Province will not explain or comment



Where does that Leave us?

- Province is waiting on the release of the South Island Transportation Strategy (Study) SITS
 - It is telling they will not talk about the assessment until the study is complete
 - Study will only deal with Duncan south
 - Does not address the needs Communities north of Duncan
 - Their focus has always been on a commuter service in the Langford Victoria Corridor
 - It is likely we are going to hear a lot more about this from the Study



What Next?

- COVID 19 presents some challenges
 - Difficult to move forward aggressively
 - All levels of government are struggling
- And an opportunity
 - The rehabilitation of the corridor is a shovel ready infrastructure project
 - Can have instant and significant economic impact
 - over 250,000 rail ties are required – manufactured here
 - Aggregates are available here for the road bed
 - The people to do the work are here
 - We put this forward to the Premier on April 20
 - Delegated a response from Minister Trevana
 - There has been no response from the Minister



What Next?

- We remained quiet to allow the Province the to do the assessment – it is now complete
 - There should be no more confusion
 - We have a base from which to work from
 - There should be no more delays
 - The assessment is on its way to becoming “another study”
- It is time to get to work
 - We asked the Province to put together a team to progress with a project plan and funding proposal
 - No response
- We will not remain quiet for long
 - We need your help – The Province needs to hear from you
 - Further delays should not be acceptable to anyone

