

**Title of Project: Grain Transportation Project**

**Report Title:** Annual Report

**Report Covering Period:** April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002

**Organization(s):** BC Grain Producers Association

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**Objectives:**

- Committee members to stay informed on road\ rail transportation issues
- To keep abreast of transportation issues that affect or will affect all farmers in the BC Peace.
- To utilize the information gathered and learned, to improve the economies of Grain Transportation for BC Peace Region farmers.
- To reduce the costs where possible.
- To encourage more efficient use of our grain transportation system (rail and truck).

**Accomplishments:**

- Low cost rail transportation attracts new elevator company (Louis Dreyfus) to the region
- BCGPA participation in the recently formed South Peace Rural Road Task

**Tasks in progress:**

- Encourage other members of Peace agriculture and community leaders to learn more about grain transportation.
- Developing a report outlining the requirement for dependable Farm market roads
- Shrinking Maintenance budgets combined with increased traffic have worn out many rural roads used for grain transportation group to identify and prioritize
- BCGPA members to raise concern about the design of upgrades which have resulted in narrower traveling surfaces and steeper ditches, this new standard impacts the Agriculture industry
- Independant engineers report on Alberta vs. BC government road upgrade

**Extension and demonstration:**

- Communication with PRRD, area farmers, community and farm leaders.
- Encouraged government people to understand the issues and implications.
- Report to general BCGPA membership

**Finances:**

Total approved project	Budget	\$6,200.00
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**Variances from original work plan schedule or budget:**

- No variances from work plan as approved in Jan. 2001.

**Summary comments, conclusions:**

The grains industry needs to have a voice to solve problems in regards to rural roads and rail transportation. This committee continues to be of importance to area producers.

**Attachments:**

Project Financial summary