

## **3 from Peachland to study highway options**

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Three Peachland residents have been named to a committee studying transportation alternatives for the town of 5,200.

They put their names forward and were chosen from a crowd of 350 people who attended a Wednesday night meeting sponsored by the Ministry of Transportation.

Jeff McDougal favours the government building a Highway 97 bypass around Peachland. Brent Froelich is against a bypass, and favours widening the existing two-lane highway. Joe Klein hasn't decided which option would be best.

The government recognizes most people in Peachland probably favour a bypass, consultant Jack Stuempel told the crowd. But it was important for the committee to include all points of view, he said.

People can also let their views be known through upcoming open houses and online surveys, he said.

The ministry-led review of Peachland's transportation options will also include input from the trucking sector, the chamber of commerce, First Nations and BC Transit. A recommendation for four-laning or construction of a bypass is expected sometime in 2017.