



### Mission Bridge Approach Roads, 1973

This aerial view dated May 29, 1973 shows the newly paved approach roads to the Mission Bridge.

The May 2, 1973 issue of the *Fraser Valley Record* reported that the official opening date for the new bridge was scheduled to take place at 2PM on June 16th. - just two weeks shy of 46 years since the CPR Bridge was planked and opened for vehicle traffic. Former Mayor Ethel Ogle, was charged with the responsibility of working with provincial officials to plan the event which included compiling an invitation list of residents who had lived in the areas of Dewdney, Nicomen Island, Deroche, Hatzic or Mission *since 1913 or earlier*.

At the end of May, however, work on finishing the bridge surface was delayed due to strong winds and rain. As a result, the official opening was rescheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup>.