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Chair Rhona Martin  
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Dear Chair Martin:

Thank you for your letter of July 13, 2018 to Minister Doug Donaldson, requesting that the ministry initiate a land use planning process for Crown lands within the City of Revelstoke and Electoral Area B. I have been asked to respond.

I appreciate the Columbia Shuswap Regional District's interest in a land use planning process. The province has a renewed mandate for modernized land use planning and we are focussing on program development and design this year. The modernized program intends to engage and collaborate with communities, First Nations and stakeholders to resolve specific and localized issues. The ministry recognizes the importance of understanding and managing the cumulative impacts of industry and recreation in the Revelstoke area and the need for solutions.

Selection of priority land use planning projects will be influenced by the interest and issues brought forward by organizations such as yours, as well as funding availability and capacity to deliver. Priority projects will then be ranked and expected to commence in 2019/2020. Those projects ranked beyond current fiscal limitations will continue to be ranked in subsequent fiscal years. It is expected that land use planning interest from various groups will challenge the ministry's initial capacity.

I understand the minister will be meeting with the Columbia Shuswap Regional District to discuss this topic further at the 2018 UBCM Convention. That will be an opportunity to provide more details on the planning initiative mentioned above, as well as to understand your concerns better and discuss potential solutions.

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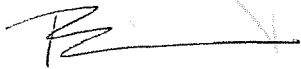
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Chair Rhona Martin

Thank you for your interest in the sustainable use of Crown lands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'P. Rasmussen', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul Rasmussen

Assistant Deputy Minister

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