



May 11, 2022

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Kevin Flynn, Chair
and Members of the Board
Columbia Shuswap Regional District
PO Box 978
Salmon Arm BC V1E 4P1

Dear Chair Flynn and Board Members:

I am writing in response to the results of the April 30, 2022, vote on incorporation of Sorrento and Blind Bay that was conducted in a portion of Electoral Area 'C'. The vote decisively indicated local preference for the communities of Sorrento and Blind Bay to remain unincorporated. I was encouraged to see the strong voter participation for this impactful decision.

I wish to extend my compliments to the Board for committing to the work of examining incorporation, which had been the subject of discussion and speculation in the communities for many years. I also wish to extend my thanks to your Deputy Manager of Corporate Administration Services, Jennifer Sham, for her assistance with the study, her administration of the vote and to her team of volunteers who supported the voting process amid the large turnout of eligible voters.

As indicated in the Columbia Shuswap Regional District Board letter dated February 27, 2019, to Minister Robinson, the preferred alternative if incorporation is not the chosen path was to establish a new electoral area within Electoral Area 'C'. Therefore, moving forward from the incorporation vote outcome, I would like to confirm the continued intention is to proceed with the establishment of a new electoral area for Sorrento, Blind Bay and Notch Hill, as illustrated on the enclosed maps.

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To ensure consideration of the amending Letters Patent in time for general local elections in the fall,
I would appreciate confirmation of this approach as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Cullen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nathan" and last name "Cullen" clearly distinguishable.

Nathan Cullen
Minister

Enclosures (2)

pc: Jodi Pierce, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Columbia Shuswap Regional District
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