May 10, 2017

Murray Krause, President
Union of British Columbia Municipalities
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Dear Mr. Krause:

Re: Provincial Private Moorage Program

The CSRD became aware of the changes to the Provincial Private Moorage Program (Program) by way of a copy of a letter from Greg Kockx, Manager Land Tenures Branch, Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations, to Gary MacIsaac, Executive Director, UBCM, dated January 17, 2017. The CSRD Board is very concerned about the negative implications of these changes.

At their meeting held April 20, 2017, the CSRD Board adopted the following resolutions:

“THAT: A letter be sent to Premier Christy Clark and to Steve Thompson, Minister of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations, and MLA Greg Kyllo, outlining CSRD concerns with the changes to the Private Moorage Program, lack of consultation with local government about the changes, and requesting that Shuswap and Mara lakes be designated as an application-only area for private moorage; and

THAT: A letter be sent to UBCM outlining CSRD concerns regarding the changes to the Provincial Private Moorage Program, and that the letter be copied to SILGA and the District of Coldstream.”

For the reasons outlined in the attached letter to Premier Clark, the CSRD has requested that the Province work with the CSRD and other relevant stakeholders to designate the lake system as an Application-only Area with respect to private moorage. We hope that you will support our efforts at protecting the ecological and archaeological values along with recognizing the residential and recreational pressures that impact Shuswap and Mara Lakes by supporting our request. The CSRD is of the opinion that such a designation will benefit Shuswap and Mara Lakes in the long term, as well as the property owners, residents and tourists that live in and visit these resources.

Yours truly,

COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT

Per:

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Rhona Martin
Chair

Enclosure

cc: Executive Board – Southern Interior Local Government Association
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Jim Garlick, Mayor - District of Coldstream