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Dear Chair Martin and Board Members:

I am pleased to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

I am honoured to have been asked by the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, to undertake responsibility for this ministry, which has an important mandate to support the health and success of communities and their residents, including by now combining three important pillars of Local Government, Housing and Construction Standards and lower mainland transit (TransLink), into one ministry.

I am familiar with this portfolio both from my previous experience as City Councillor for the City of Coquitlam and six years' experience as Opposition Critic for Local Government in the Legislature. I trust that our government shares consistent priorities with yours of making life more affordable for British Columbians, delivering services that people can count on and building a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone.

I have the support of an experienced and capable executive team: Jacqueline Dawes, Deputy Minister; Tara Faganello, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government; Greg Steves, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing and Construction Standards, and Kevin Volk, Assistant Deputy Minister, Community and Legislative Services (including responsibility for TransLink). This team will be working closely with me as we take on the ambitious mandate that I have been given by the Premier. We look forward to working with you as together we seek the best ways to address the challenges and opportunities facing your communities.

I am hoping to connect with you by telephone before the annual Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention in September 2017, and ideally in an in-person meeting with you at the Convention. Otherwise, I look forward to meeting with you in future as areas of shared interest, or other priorities, arise.

Again, I am pleased to have this portfolio and to take on the responsibility for its programs which are of critical importance to communities and regions across British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Selina Robinson
Minister of Municipal Affairs
and Housing