



DEC 12 2017

Ms. Rhona Martin
Chair
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Dear Ms. Martin:

I would like to thank the Columbia Shuswap Regional District for bringing your concerns forward at this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention held in Vancouver. I regret that my schedule did not allow us to meet in person. I understand from the Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, and Parliamentary Secretary Jennifer Rice that your meeting was very informative.

I am writing to follow up on that meeting, as I understand that time did not allow for discussion regarding funding for emergency planning and readiness. Parliamentary Secretary Rice shared with the delegation information on the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF). Additional information can be found at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities website at: <http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/lgps/community-emergency-preparedness-fund.html>. The Province encourages the regional district to apply for funding under the CEPF, which is accepting applications now through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

Following on this summer's flood and wildfires, Emergency Management BC and BC Wildfire Service held a series of after-action review sessions. Feedback and contributions from communities affected by the wildfires of this past summer will assist the provincial government's future responses.

I appreciate these important opportunities to exchange ideas and share information. Through a continued partnership, I am confident that we can work together to increase the well-being of the Columbia Shuswap Regional District and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

pc: The Honourable Doug Donaldson
Ms. Jennifer Rice
Mr. Robert Turner

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