



BC FLOOD AND WILDFIRE REVIEW

January 19th, 2018

Ms. Rhona Martin, Salmon Arm B.C.

Dear Ms. Martin,

RE: BC Flood and Wildfire Review

In December 2017, the Government of B.C. announced the launch of a strategic review of flood and wildfire practices in the Province, to be led by an independent team, with a focus on the 2017 flood and wildfire season. As co-chairs of this process– the BC Flood and Wildfire Review – we will be investigating how government can better plan for and respond to these natural disasters, examining governance systems, statutes, regulations, policies, and leadership practices to better plan for the future. We have enclosed our Terms of Reference.

Critical to the success of the review is hearing from British Columbians about their experiences and their recommendations for improvement. To achieve this, we are undertaking an engagement program that provides in-person, online, and written submission opportunities for interested citizens.

A community engagement schedule will be available on our website, www.bcfloodfirereview.ca, in the coming weeks. We are targeting February – March 2018 to meet with communities. We would like to meet with you and representatives from your local emergency response teams personally to discuss the review and gather your feedback. We will be attending the Union of BC Municipalities Electoral Area Directors' Forum and Local Government Leadership Academy Forum on January 30th through February 2nd. We are eager to host discussions with you during the forums, should you be in attendance at them, or if you are available to meet with us throughout the week.

If you, or a delegate from your community, are interested in meeting with us, please write to info@bcfloodfirereview.ca by Monday, January 29th, 2018 to arrange an appointment. In the meantime, if you would like to provide a written submission please send your response to the same email. We have attached a feedback guide to assist in the preparation of your materials.

We look forward to working with you on the review.

Sincerely,

Chief Maureen Chapman
Co-Chair
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