



Cariboo Regional District
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Ms. Margo Wagner
Chair
Cariboo Regional District
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Dear Ms. Wagner:

We would like to thank the delegation from the Cariboo Regional District for such an informative meeting at this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) convention in Whistler. We are writing to follow up on our discussion regarding the Abbott and Chapman report recommendations, Emergency Support Services (ESS), and communications to local governments and First Nations communities via the Provincial Regional Emergency Operation Centres (PREOCs).

As discussed at UBCM, the CRD was one of several local governments that raised the use of the term "social" in ESS with the recommendation to use the term "support". We have asked that Emergency Management BC review and consider the change in terminology.

The CRD also inquired about communications between the PREOCs and First Nation communities. PREOCs directly communicate with both First Nation communities and local governments. We have asked that EMBC discuss this issue with your staff and clarify procedures and address any concerns. We anticipate that the Senior Regional Manager, Mr. Tony Fiala, will be in contact in the coming days.

We appreciate opportunities to hear the views of local governments and share information. Thank you again for a very informative meeting.

Sincerely,

Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

Jennifer Rice
Parliamentary Secretary
for Emergency Preparedness

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Mr. Tony Fiala