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Dear NCLGA Members,

As a follow up to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities 2018 Resolution B166, Geoscience BC is preparing to request funding from the Government of British Columbia in the form of a commitment of \$10 million per year for five years (\$50 million in total) through funding as of March 31, 2019. In this regard, please find attached a support letter from the NCLGA, for your information. If you have any questions or would like additional detail please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable John Horgan M.L.A. Premier of British Columbia

November 5, 2018

RE: Letter of Support – Geoscience BC

Dear Premier,

I am writing to express the North Central Local Government Association's support for independent, public and relevant earth science research, and to urge the Government of British Columbia to commit \$10 million per year for five years (\$50 million in total) to Geoscience BC through funding as of March 31, 2019.

We believe that the people of British Columbia benefit directly from Geoscience BC's focus on research relating to minerals, energy and water resources because it advances knowledge, informs responsible development, encourages investment and stimulates innovation.

The need for relevant, public geoscience is growing as the world's transition to a cleaner, greener economy brings an increase in demand for BC's natural resources. This in turn increases our need for research that can inform decisions balancing economic, social and environmental factors.

A key to Geoscience BC's success is the collaboration of more than 70 volunteers and 75 partners supporting the completion of more than 200 research projects to date. For example, coordinating with government departments and agencies such as the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources' Oil & Gas Division and the British Columbia Geological Survey, brings additional value to each partner's work.

Combined with making all of its project reports and data public and easy to access, this independent and open approach has built support for Geoscience BC from the resource sectors, communities, Indigenous groups and governments alike. In 2018, the BC Chamber of Commerce and the Union of BC Municipalities have both passed resolutions supporting year-end funding for Geoscience BC.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you or your colleagues would like to discuss the value of Geoscience BC's work to the North Central Local Government Association and the people of British Columbia.

Yours sincerely,



Gordon Klassen
President

CC. Honourable Carole James M.L.A. Minister of Finance
Honourable Michelle Mungall M.L.A. Minister of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources