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May 8, 2019

Margo Wagner, Chair and Directors Cariboo Regional District
Email: mailbox@cariboord.ca

Dear Chair Wagner and Directors:

Thank you for your letter of March 21, 2019, regarding an Airshed Management Plan for the Williams Lake area. I apologize for the delay in responding.

My ministry has been pleased to support the airshed planning process in Williams Lake for several years by providing funding and technical advice, and the ministry intends to continue supporting this work.

The revision of the expired Airshed Management Plan is being undertaken by the Williams Lake Airshed Roundtable (Roundtable), which includes representatives from both the Regional District Board and the City Council. Over the past few years, the ministry has provided annual funding to the Scout Island Conservation Society in the amounts of \$6,000 to \$11,000 per year. These funds have been used to organize the biannual meetings of the Roundtable, and to deliver public education around local air quality issues. The City has also generously provided meeting space for the Roundtable meetings.

On Friday March 29, 2019, one of my staff met with the Roundtable to discuss the revision of the airshed plan. Ivan Bonnell, a Williams Lake City Councillor who has recently been appointed as the City representative, was in attendance and there was fruitful discussion on how the airshed planning should proceed.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss any quality issues further, please contact Ralph Adams, the ministry Air Quality Meteorologist responsible for the Williams Lake airshed. Mr. Adams may be contacted by phone at 250 371-6279, by email at Ralph.Adams@gov.bc.ca or through the Air Quality Roundtable.

The ministry looks forward to working with both the City of Williams Lake and the Cariboo Regional District on this important initiative. Thank you again for taking the time to write and for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

George Heyman
Minister



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March 21, 2019

VIA EMAIL

The Honourable George Heyman
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Dear Minister Heyman:

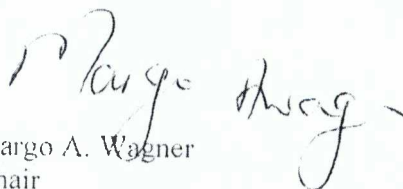
Re: Airshed Management Plan for Williams Lake Area

I am writing on behalf of the Cariboo Regional District Board, to request that your Ministry consider providing funding to create a new Airshed Management Plan for the Williams Lake area.

The current Airshed Management Plan expired in 2016, and it is important that a new plan be developed to help ensure that air quality in the Central Cariboo is maintained or, preferably, improved in the coming years.

Thank you for considering the Board's request, I look forward to hearing your reply.

Yours truly,


Margo A. Wagner
Chair

c: Donna Barnett, MLA, Cariboo-Chilcotin
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