



May 9, 2019

Dear NCLGA Executive,

On behalf of the Geoscience BC Board and staff, I am writing to thank the North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA) for supporting Geoscience BC's request to the Province of British Columbia to fund our public earth science research relating to minerals, energy (oil & gas; geothermal) and water.

Your ongoing input and a resolution passed at the 2018 NCLGA and UBCM conventions were instrumental in securing one-year bridge funding of \$5 million for Geoscience BC, as announced by Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Michelle Mungall on [May 9, 2019](#). This commitment meets a recommendation of the Mining Jobs Task Force in January 2019, which also recommended a review of public geoscience to "inform the development of a coordinated provincial approach to public geoscience", and we look forward to taking part in that process. We are also looking forward to continuing independent energy research that helps address key knowledge gaps identified by the Scientific Review of Hydraulic Fracturing in British Columbia related to induced seismicity; water disposal and greenhouse gas emissions.

Geoscience BC has more than 40 new or continuing minerals, energy and water research projects in 2019 across the province – from Vancouver Island to Fort St John and from the northwest to the Kootenays. We will continue to collaborate and build coordination with government bodies such as the British Columbia Geological Survey and BC Oil & Gas Commission, as well as with Indigenous groups, communities, academic institutions and the resource sectors.

We will also continue to listen and work hard to ensure that our research is relevant to NCLGA and helps your communities to advance knowledge, inform responsible development, encourage investment and stimulate innovation.

Once again, I thank you for your steadfast support as we work with government on establishing long-term stable funding for Geoscience BC.

Sincerely,

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