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Good afternoon Members,

Following the NCLGA AGM in May, your endorsed resolutions and an attached letter of support from President Beckett were sent to various respective Ministers. We will be forwarding any received responses from Ministers to our membership for review and interest.

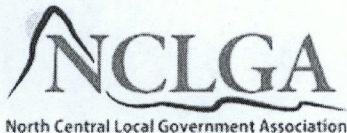
Attached is correspondence from the office of Minister Claire Trevena in response to NCLGA Resolutions R16 – Fire Mitigation on Transportation Corridors and R19 – Safety of First Responders Attending a Roadside Accident.

Moving forward, we welcome your thoughts or replies to this correspondence and we encourage you to add it to your next agenda package for further discussion.

For more information on the original letter sent by NCLGA please contact [admin@nclga.ca](mailto:admin@nclga.ca).

Best regards,

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July 31, 2019

Lara Beckett, President  
North Central Local Government Association  
155 George Street, Suite 206  
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Reference: 286731

Dear Ms. Beckett:

**Re: Resolutions**

The Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, asked me to respond on her behalf to your letter of June 18, 2019, sharing the resolutions of the North Central Local Government Association with respect to wildfire mitigation on highways and first responder safety.

The safety of the provincial transportation network is the ministry's highest priority. Local ministry offices throughout the province work regularly with our maintenance contractors to identify and monitor brushing and vegetation clearing requirements on local highway corridors. This work ensures visibility and drainage and removes fire fuel from the right-of-way.

The ministry and its maintenance contractors make all reasonable efforts to ensure that the brushing and mowing activities carried out along our highway corridors consider the local fire risk and leave cleared areas in a safe state. These efforts may include halting operations during high risk conditions, having a water truck follow the equipment for rapid suppression and mulching and chipping the cut brush and vegetation in accordance with requirements specified by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. You can be sure we will continue to work with our partners to ensure our highways remain safe and reliable year-round.

The ministry shares your concern for the safety of people who attend emergencies on highways or who work at the roadside. As you may know, since 2009, any driver approaching a stopped vehicle displaying flashing red, blue or amber lights is legally required to reduce their speed and move into another lane when possible. The "Slow Down, Move Over" law was passed to protect the safety of all roadside workers, including emergency service providers, our Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch employees and our maintenance contractors, as well as utility workers, tow truck operators and other workers. More information about this law is available online at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/road-safety-rules-and-consequences/slow-down-move-over>

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**Ministry of Transportation  
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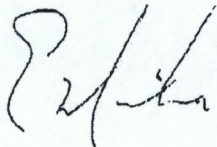
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As the legislation governing speed limits when an official vehicle is parked on a highway falls within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, I have taken the liberty of sharing your correspondence with Patricia Boyle, Assistant Deputy Minister of RoadSafetyBC, for her review.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Miska', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ed Miska  
A/Assistant Deputy Minister  
Highway Services

Copy to: Honourable Claire Trevena  
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure  
MLA, North Island

Patricia Boyle, Assistant Deputy Minister  
RoadSafetyBC  
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General