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Margo Wagner, Chair
Cariboo Regional District
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Dear Margo Wagner and CRD Representatives:

Thank you to your delegation for meeting with Minister Donaldson and other ministry representatives during this year's virtual Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention process.

Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, we have had to develop new approaches and adaptations to many aspects of our everyday life. I thank your delegation for its flexibility with provincial appointments this year and I am pleased that our governments still had the chance to connect.

As Deputy Minister, I am pleased to acknowledge the emergency preparedness topics raised during your joint-ministry conference call.

The need for tightly coordinated response actions, as well as clear and consistent information flow between multiple ministries and agencies, is obviously priority number one for the Cariboo Regional District in times of emergency.

To that end, I want to let you know that Rick Manwaring, Associate Deputy Minister, and Paul Rasmussen, Assistant Deputy Minister, South Area, will work closely with your Regional District to determine the best approach for freshet planning in 2021.

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As you know, General Voting Day for the BC provincial election was October 24, 2020. Although General Voting Day is over, the final count (of absentee and mail-in ballots) will not begin until November 6, 2020 at the earliest. The election period itself will not be officially concluded until Return Day, expected November 16, 2020, when the writs of election are returned to the Chief Electoral Officer.

Issues raised at UBCM regarding future funding programs and other policy decisions must be deferred until after the election is fully complete and the incoming government is in place. All topics brought up in your meeting will be shared with the incoming minister.

Thank you, again, to your delegation for the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Allan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Allan
Deputy Minister

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Office of the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Office of the Minister of Agriculture
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