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Premier David Eby

Via email: premier@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Bowinn Ma

Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

Via email: EMCR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Eby and Minister Ma;

Subject: Update on the Proposed Emergency and Disaster Management Act

Please accept this letter as notification that at the November 9, 2023, Regular Board Meeting the Board of Directors adopted the following resolution:

THAT, the Regional Board send a letter to the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness and the Premier of British Columbia, requesting more time to comment on the new Emergency and Disaster Management Act and request that they supply the funding required for the capacity and resourcing required to complete this work, and that the letter be copied to all 27 Regional Districts.

Regional district structure and legislated authorities differ significantly from municipalities. Geographic size, population density, taxation base, employee capacity, and logistics related to collaboration with multiple neighbouring municipalities, and Indigenous govening bodes are just some of the factors that must be reviewed, considered and quantified before commenting on the proposed changes. As noted in the above resolution the TNRD Board of Directors respectfully requests more time to review the proposed changes as well as the provision of funding support to ensure adequate capacity to provide a thoughtful and comprehensive response.

Yours truly,

Barbara Roden, Chair

Thompson-Nicola Regional District

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