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Dear Margo Wagner:

I am writing to thank your delegation for taking the time to meet with Ministry of Housing representatives at this year's Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention held in Vancouver on September 17, 2024. We appreciated the opportunity to connect in-person.

Since you met with Ministry staff, a provincial election has been called and I am following up on behalf of the Ministry of Housing. I would like to acknowledge the important topics discussed during your meeting.

During the meeting, several topics were raised, including challenges related to building inspections in the region. I noted in particular your comments regarding the capacity impacts of covering such a large area, as well as the added difficulty of finding accommodation for inspectors in some communities. These challenges were noted as affecting the Region's ability to meet the eligibility requirements for the Secondary Suite Incentive Program (SSIP), which it was felt would be of significant interest to many residents of the Region. For any further discussions about SSIP eligibility you may wish to follow up with the Housing Policy Branch following the election at: [housing.policy@gov.bc.ca](mailto:housing.policy@gov.bc.ca).

As we are in the election period, and the BC Government is in caretaker mode, issues regarding future funding for programs and other policy and operational decisions will be deferred until after the election is complete and the incoming government is in place.

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Thank you for taking the time to meet with us and bring forward issues that are important to the Regional District of Cariboo, and foremost the people of British Columbia.

Sincerely,



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cc: Murray Daly, CAO, Regional District of Cariboo