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## Letter from Ministry of Finance

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Review of Conditions Required for Farm Classification by BC Assessment;

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Alicia Fraser, General Manager – Infrastructure & Water Services  
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Dear Alicia Fraser:

Thank you for your email sent on March 18, 2025, regarding the review of conditions required for farm classification as prescribed by Provincial legislation and applied by the BC Assessment Authority. We appreciate you taking the time to share your ideas and feedback.

Food production and security is a critical concern for all levels of government, particularly during times of uncertainty due to external trade influences. The recently announced Premier's task force on food supply and the economy will help farmers to find new markets, strengthen local supply chains, establish new BC made products and increase food security for people in British Columbia. The current work led by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to review the provincial support policies and programs will also provide advice on potential changes to further support food production and expanded opportunities for new farmers.

We will be sharing your letter with the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food, to ensure she is advised of the important work of the Capital Regional District to prioritize water management for farming operations.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. We appreciate your support and input on how we can build a better BC.

Sincerely,

Office of the Minister

cc: Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture and Food