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Capital Regional District
Attn: Brent Reems, Senior Manager
625 Fisgard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Dear Mr. Reems:

Re: Regional Coordination on Invasive Species Removal

I am writing to advise you that Victoria City Council passed the following resolution at the July 27, 2017 Council meeting:

That Council endorse the following resolution and direct staff to forward copies to the Capital Regional District Board and local governments in the Capital Region, requesting favourable consideration:

Resolution: Regional Coordination on Invasive Species

WHEREAS the Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) has served the needs of local governments in the region to coordinate invasive species planning, monitoring, treatment, provincial mapping and reporting, training, public engagement, contractor management, and disposal;

AND WHEREAS the success of the inter-governmental CRISP team has led to consistent Provincial funding to aid in the coordination of efforts for the region;

AND WHEREAS the existing administrative model (an ad-hoc working group of staff from various municipalities) has required CRISP to partner with outside organizations to administer the funds, resulting in conditions of unstable and insecure employment with high turnover and low retention for the Provincially-funded position of Regional Invasive Species Coordinator – creating a situation where the region risks losing this Provincial funding and having local governments assume responsibilities, services and activities currently provided by CRISP.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria request the Capital Regional District Board direct staff to do a report on the implications, feasibility and recommendations to house the duties of a Regional Invasive Species Coordinator within the CRD.

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If you require further information concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned at 250.361.0346.

Yours truly,



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Deputy City Clerk

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cc: Mayor Windsor and Council, District of Central Saanich
Mayor Hamilton and Council, City of Colwood
Mayor Desjardins and Council, Township of Esquimalt
Mayor Williams and Council, District of Highlands
Mayor Young and Council, City of Langford
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Mayor Finall and Council, District of North Saanich
Mayor Jensen and Council, District of Oak Bay
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