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Barbara Desjardins, Chair
and Council representatives
Capital Regional District
Email: crdchair@crd.bc.ca

Dear Chair Desjardins and Council representatives:

I am writing to follow up on my recent meeting with Capital Regional District representatives at the 2017 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.

The annual UBCM convention offers an important opportunity for local governments to have conversations and outline priorities with the provincial government. These meetings help to inform ministries on issues that matter most to communities in British Columbia. I value these opportunities and I hope that you continue to engage with my ministry and our new government on issues that matter to you and your residents so that we can continue to move forward with our goal of building a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone.

Thank you for articulating your ideas on how we can all come together over climate change. I acknowledge your concerns and desire for a common approach to address some climate-related regulatory challenges, including sea-level rise, flood elevations and development in coastal areas, and I strongly encourage you to bring your ideas forward as we reinvigorate the climate leadership team. As well, we echo your interest in integrated resource management and applaud you for a successful diversion program for your landfill. Lastly, I appreciate your concerns about the use and application of biosolids; please look for a policy paper on the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation. If you have any questions about the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation, please contact Executive Director of Environmental Standards, Kris Ord.

As you may know, I am also committed to implementing a comprehensive climate-action strategy that provides a pathway for BC to prosper economically, while meeting carbon pollution reduction targets and I hope that you will keep

this goal in mind in your local decision-making for the benefit of all British Columbians.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet. I look forward to continuing to work closely with you in the future on issues of mutual importance.

Sincerely,

George Heyman
Minister

cc: David Morel, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection
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