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Her Worship Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Chair
Capital Regional District
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Dear Chair Desjardins:

Timely adoption of the Capital Regional District's regional growth strategy (RGS) is important for the rapidly growing and diverse capital region. The RGS will support area local governments and other stakeholders to work together to achieve goals such as managing growth, making efficient use of infrastructure, services, and resources, and planning for transit options. In this regard, an RGS plays a critical role in promoting human settlement that is socially, economically and environmentally healthy.

I am writing to you about the non-binding dispute resolution process for acceptance of the RGS, which commenced June 14, 2017. That process, which the former minister directed on March 28, 2017, pursuant to section 439(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act* (the Act), is intended to facilitate acceptance by all affected local governments of the RGS. It is my understanding that that process has not proceeded as expected. In order to support the timely adoption of the RGS, I am writing, in accordance with my authority under section s. 439 (3) (b) of the Act, to specify that this non-binding process must be concluded by November 30, 2017.

Staff in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Government Division, will continue to be available for advice and support, and I continue to encourage collaborative and respectful progress toward acceptance of the RGS by all parties.

Sincerely,

Selina Robinson
Minister