

November 29, 2017

The Honourable Scott Fraser  
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
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Dear Minister:

We are requesting a meeting with yourself to offer an update and to seek assistance with recent activities undertaken by the Capital Regional District's (CRD) Task Force on First Nations Engagement.

Over the past two years, we have met with the majority of First Nations governments in the south island to discuss how they might like to be involved in regional decision making. Last year we approved a report with recommended actions for addressing the issues raised in those discussions. Some of the recommendations require further conversations with provincial officials in order to realize the opportunities that exist around sharing governance with First Nations.

We are requesting a meeting to discuss the following issues:

- Obstacles faced by First Nations and local governments for deep engagement and meaningful relationship building
- Legislative barriers for First Nations to participate as full voting members on the CRD Board
- Current provincial understanding of the responsibilities to pre-confederation treaties such as the Douglas Treaty.

We understand that scheduling can be a challenge and we would be looking to sometime in the New Year when you are already in Victoria on other business. Our staff can follow up to arrange a time. We look forward to this discussion and to working together with you on these issues.

Sincerely,



Steve Price  
Board Chair, Capital Regional District

Cc: Director Marianne Alto, Chair, First Nations Task Force, CRD  
Bob Lapham, CAO, Capital Regional District