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Dear Chair Plant and Board Members:

I would like to thank you and your delegation for such an informative meeting with ministry representatives at this year's Union of BC Municipalities Annual Convention held in Vancouver. I am pleased that our governments had the chance to connect in person.

As the Minister of Housing, I write to acknowledge the topics we discussed during our meeting, including exploring funding opportunities to further advance affordable housing in the Capital Regional District (CRD).

I would like to commend the work of the CRD in providing affordable housing across the region. Thank you for your October 5, 2023 letter providing details of your request for partnership and 2:1 matching funding to deliver affordable homes in the CRD, as well as your desire to enter into a memorandum of understanding with BC Housing and the Province.

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As discussed in our meeting, BC Housing works closely with the CRD team; a recent call for project funding through the Community Housing Fund (CHF) closed on November 17, 2023, and there will be another call for proposals during fiscal 2024-25. The Indigenous Housing Fund (IHF) is expected to open in the coming weeks. Those interested in applying are encouraged to start planning by having conversations with partners, including BC Housing. In addition to these two funds, there is also the Supportive Housing Fund and a Women's Transitional Housing Fund which are accepting housing proposals.

Thank you for also providing information about how the CRD sets boundaries through the regional growth strategy (RGS), noting that the RGS changes require unanimous consent and a legislative amendment could help get those projects moving faster by changing that requirement.

My Deputy Minister will follow-up with the CRD as there may also be an opportunity for partnership through BC Builds.

Thank you again to your delegation for taking the time to meet with me.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Housing

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