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Colin Plant, Board Chair  
Capital Regional District  
5th Floor, 625 Fisgard St  
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Dear Chair Plant:

Thank you for your letter addressed to the Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, and me, regarding inclusive regional governance with First Nations and the Capital Regional District's (CRD) request for provincial participation in an inter-governmental working group. I am pleased to respond on behalf of both ministries and apologize for the delay.

I would also like to congratulate you on your newly elected role as CRD Board Chair, and thank you for sharing the Special Task Force on First Nations Relations Final Report.

It is exciting to hear about the ongoing efforts the CRD has been undertaking to build strong relationships with their First Nations neighbours. The Province of British Columbia values its relationship with the CRD, and acknowledges the work the CRD is doing to enhance Indigenous reconciliation at the community level.

As a path forward toward responding to the CRD's request, I recommend convening a meeting at the staff level to discuss the proposal in more detail and explore potential opportunities for a provincial role in the working group initiative.

Please have your staff contact Brent Mueller, Director of Governance and Structure, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, by telephone at: 778 698-3220, or by email at: Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca, to schedule a meeting. He will also coordinate with staff from the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

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The Province is looking forward to discussions about the CRD's inter-governmental working group and our continued collaborative work toward reconciliation with Indigenous peoples in British Columbia.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Selina Robinson

Minister

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Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

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