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The Honourable Selina Robinson  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Room 310 Parliament Buildings  
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Via email: [MAH.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MAH.minister@gov.bc.ca)

Dear Minister Robinson:

**RE: INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICIP)**

At the September 9, 2020 meeting of the Capital Regional District (CRD), members of the CRD Board passed a motion recommending that the Board advocate to the provincial and federal government to individually assess each of the CRD's ICIP applications to provide electoral areas the same opportunity as municipalities.

The CRD, as a regional district, provides three levels of service: regional, sub-regional, and local. The ICIP grant program takes into account the unique structure of regional districts by allowing communities and defined service areas to each submit an application. From the CRD's perspective, this translates to prospective applications from each of the Electoral Areas (Salt Spring Island, Southern Gulf Islands, and Juan de Fuca), in addition to an application from a sub-regional service/regional service.

The CRD has made an effort to prioritize applications from each community with the different types of services we offer. Given the unique structure of a regional district, and to ensure equitable opportunities to each of our communities and services, we have recommended that each area put forth their best project.

We want to encourage the province (and Infrastructure Canada) to equally assess the applications based on their individual merit, and not seen as representative of CRD as a whole.

Sincerely,

Colin Plant  
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities  
CRD Board  
Robert Lapham, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD