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Janelle Staite
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Via email: Janelle.Staite@gov.bc.ca

Dear Janelle Staite:

RE: ISLAND RAIL CORRIDOR JOINT PLANNING PROCESS

On September 13, 2023, the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board provided policy direction to request that the Province continue to convene meetings of all participants in the island rail corridor joint planning process.

To date, CRD staff have participated in two joint planning sessions related to the island corridor and two working group sessions on corridor remediation and encumbrances within the corridor right of way. The sessions have resulted in productive dialogue and actionable next steps, providing clarity that addressing land reversion is necessary prior to any decisions being made about the future of the corridor.

The CRD Board is committed to ongoing participation in a joint planning process that is rooted in a reconciliation-based approach. The Province's role in convening these meetings has been extremely beneficial to the process and, it is our hope, that the Province continues to play a convening role to expedite land reversion and to help determine a future vision for the corridor.

I look forward to continuing to work with you, First Nations, Regional Districts, the Island Corridor Foundation, and your colleagues in the federal and provincial governments on this process.

Sincerely,

Ted Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

cc: CRD Board
Kevin Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services, CRD