

Sept. 1, 2020

To: Donny van Dyk  
EOC Chief & Chief Administrative Officer  
171 Main St., Penticton, B.C.  
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RE: Christie Mountain Wildfire

Dear Mr. van Dyk,

On behalf of the family physicians and nurse practitioners of the South Okanagan Similkameen, our Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the City of Penticton, The Penticton Fire Department and Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen for its efforts during the Christie Mountain Wildfire.

In a time already made challenging by COVID-19, we appreciate the collaboration between local governments and the quick response to support residents under evacuation alerts or orders.

We admire the timely set up of the assessment centre on Ellis Street and the support it offered to evacuated residents and those who faced the possibility of leaving their homes. Thousands of lives and homes were at risk, and we commend the City and RDOS's attention to ensuring each household's safety was accounted for.

Furthermore, we value the teamwork City of Penticton and RDOS staff showed during daily press conferences that kept all of us updated during uncertain times.

We continue to value the strong relationship between the South Okanagan Similkameen Division of Family Practice, the City of Penticton and the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen.

Sincerely,



Dr. Greg Selinger  
Board Chair



Tracy St. Claire  
Executive Director

cc: Bill Newell, EOC Chief and CAO, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen  
Chief Larry Watkinson, Penticton Fire Department