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Karla Kozakevich, Chair and Directors

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

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Dear Chair Kozakevich and Directors:

I am writing to follow up on the meeting between the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy at the 2020 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention. Although the COVID-19 pandemic prevented us from meeting in person, the Minister and I were pleased to have the opportunity to discuss issues of mutual importance. As a provincial election has been called, I am pleased to have the opportunity to respond.

Whether online or in person, the annual UBCM Convention offers an important opportunity for local governments to have conversations and outline priorities with the provincial government. These meetings help to inform ministries on issues that matter most to British Columbians. We hope that you continue to engage with the ministry on issues that matter to you and your community so that we can continue to move forward with our goal of building a strong, sustainable, innovative economy, a cleaner environment, and healthy communities that work for everyone.

We appreciated the opportunity to meet with you to discuss important issues and topics of shared interest. In our meeting, we spoke about the challenges of burning, particularly agricultural burning. We committed to have ministry staff arrange a discussion on the options, technologies and alternatives available to the regional district. Ministry staff will include the Ministry of Agriculture in that discussion.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet. We look forward to continuing to work closely with you in the future.

With best regards,

Kevin Jardine  
Deputy Minister

cc: Laurel Nash, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environmental Protection Division, Ministry of Environment  
and Climate Change Strategy