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The Honourable John Horgan
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The Honourable David Eby
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Dear Premier Horgan and Minister Eby:

RE: Paramountcy

At the April 15, 2021, meeting of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, the Board of Directors passed the following resolution:

“THAT the RDOS Board send a letter of support to the Premier’s office requesting Minister Eby, who has evoked paramountcy on behalf of the Province, or Premier John Horgan as the head of the government that promised to work collaboratively with local government, reconsider their position and adhere to local government bylaws.”

Local government bylaws have been adopted after considerable consultation and engagement with residents and stakeholders. While acknowledging that the Province has the right to exercise paramountcy, Directors are concerned that the invoking of paramountcy to bypass local bylaws overrides the wishes of the community.

We respectfully request that the Province continue to engage with their local government partners in a spirit of collaboration and cooperation, and only exercise paramountcy as a last resort.

Sincerely,

Karla Kozakevich
Board Chair

cc UBCM

