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Honourable Bowinn Ma
Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
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via email (no hardcopy to follow):
EMCR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Ma,

Re: Request for extension and funds to complete the Emergency Program Act Regulations feedback

The Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (NRRM) would like to express our support for the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) request for an extension in the timeline and for your consideration in allocating the necessary funding to provide comments on the new Emergency and Disaster Act.

As you are aware, the NRRM, along with municipalities throughout the province has only just caught its breath from the intense and long wildfire season, having had our Emergency Operations Centre active for the longest duration in our history to date. Our staff and emergency personnel are currently refocusing on core business operations following the strain experienced through the Spring and Summer. Resources are stretched during this recovery time and the need for additional time to ensure a thorough review is needed. Asking to provide a fulsome and comprehensive review by December 31st, 2023 is proving to be unrealistic to many. Additionally, we find it imperative we bring your attention to the limitations in both capacity and funding. Therefore, we kindly request an extension of the deadline and that consideration be made in providing additional funding to support the capacity and resourcing needed for a meaningful engagement.

Your support in this matter is crucial to ensuring a diligent and comprehensive review of the Emergency and Disaster Act.

Sincerely,
Northern Rockies Regional Municipality

Rob Fraser, Mayor

Cc: Peace River Regional District
MLA Peace River North – Dan Davies
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Prophet River First Nation
All Regional Districts in BC