

July 31, 2025

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The Honourable Spencer Chandra Herbert
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Via email: IRR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Chandra Herbert:

RE: CONGRATULATIONS ON RECENT APPOINTMENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Capital Regional District (CRD), we would like to extend our congratulations on your recent appointment as the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

The CRD values its ongoing relationship with the province and recognizes the importance of working together to support the well-being of communities across the capital region. We are committed to identifying common goals, exploring potential collaborations, and aligning efforts with the province to address the needs and priorities of the residents of the capital region.

A 2023-2026 CRD Board strategic priority is to develop strong relationships with First Nations based on trust and mutual respect, partnerships and working together on shared goals. We are actively engaged in important government-to-government meetings with local First Nations to discuss areas of mutual interest. These discussions focus on strengthening the relationship and exploring opportunities for collaboration on shared priorities.

We have submitted a request to meet with you during the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in September and hope to have the opportunity to discuss how we can work together to strengthen relationships and advance reconciliation across the capital region.

Please feel free to contact me at any time, by email at crdchair@crd.bc.ca or, to coordinate a meeting, please contact Carolyn Jenkinson, Manager, Executive Operations by email at cjenkinson@crd.bc.ca or phone 250-360-3125.

Sincerely,



Cliff McNeil-Smith
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: CRD Board
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD