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Cliff McNeil-Smith
Chair, Capital Regional District
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Dear Chair McNeil-Smith:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 27, 2024, regarding amending the *Local Government Act* to provide the option for two-year terms for the positions of Board Chair and Vice-Chair within regional districts in British Columbia. I appreciate the Capital Regional District Board bringing this to my attention.

I am always interested in ensuring that the local government legislative framework works effectively and recognize the potential benefits you have outlined related to the proposed amendment. At the same time, legislative changes should be focused on resolving issues that are a priority for communities across British Columbia.

Requests for amendments to legislation that would affect all local governments in British Columbia generally come to the Province through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) resolutions process. I would encourage you to raise this issue through UBCM and the established resolutions process to confirm collective local government support for the legislative amendment.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ravi Kahlon', is shown within a light gray rectangular box.

Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs