October 14, 2026

Cliff McNeil-Smith, Chair
Capital Regional District
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Reference: 344536

Dear Chair McNeil-Smith:

Re: UBCM 2026

I am writing to thank you and your staff for taking the time to meet with the Minister of Transportation and Transit and me during the 2026 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention. As a provincial election has been called, I am also responding to your letter of July 31, 2026, addressed to the Minister of Transportation and Transit, requesting an updated rapid transit feasibility and alignment study for the Capital Region.

During the meeting we discussed your support for integrated regional transportation governance.

With respect to your letter, last September, the ministry completed the West Shore Light Rail (LRT) Technical Review, which re-examines the ridership potential and proposed alignment of LRT from the West Shore to downtown. The review updates BC Transit's work with local agencies on the 2011 Victoria Regional Rapid Transit Project. The recent LRT review and ongoing regional planning initiatives will help identify the region's long-term transportation needs and opportunities.

I appreciated the opportunity to learn more about your transportation priorities and the challenges facing your community. Following the election, your thoughts and suggestions will be shared with the incoming Minister of Transportation and Transit.

Thank you for your hard work in supporting your community.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Minister

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