



June 11, 2025

Cliff McNeil-Smith, Chair
Capital Regional District Board
625 Fisgard Street
PO Box 1000
Victoria BC V8W 2S6

Reference: 332501
Your File: 0400-20

Dear Chair McNeil-Smith:

Re: Engagement With Electoral Area Directors

Thank you for your letter of March 25, 2025, requesting the ministry engage with Capital Regional District (CRD) Electoral Area Directors from the Salt Spring Island, Southern Gulf Islands and Juan de Fuca Electoral Areas on speed limits and road signs in their communities.

The ministry recognizes that communities across the province have unique characteristics, and we welcome the insights and community perspectives that local governments can bring to road safety matters. Safety for all road users is our priority, and our operations staff are always happy to hear from Area Directors about issues related to highway safety, operations and maintenance in their communities, or to discuss potential or planned projects, active transportation or other matters. We care about the communities we serve, and engaging with local officials about issues of importance to their community can help inform our work and assist with short and long-term planning.

The ministry periodically reviews speed limits and signs in neighbourhoods and communities either by request or when new developments or other factors result in a significant change to how a highway functions. As part of the review process—and with safety as our highest consideration—we will seek input from local governments and emergency responders before implementing any changes.

Should you or CRD Area Directors want to discuss speed limits, signs or other road safety matters in CRD communities, please feel free to contact our Operations Manager for the South Island, Shawn Haley. He can be reached at 778 405-6290 or at Shawn.Haley@gov.bc.ca and would be pleased to assist.

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Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Farnworth". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "M" and a trailing flourish.

Mike Farnworth
Minister

Copy to: Shawn Haley, Operations Manager
 Vancouver Island District