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Mr. Geoff Young
 Chair
 Capital Regional District
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Dear Chair Young:

It was a pleasure for Honourable Barry Penner, Minister of Environment, and me to meet with you and your colleagues on July 22, 2009, to discuss the status of the Capital Regional District (CRD) sewage project. Minister Penner will respond to the regulatory aspects of your June 2009 Progress Report.

With respect to infrastructure funding, I would like to repeat the British Columbia Government's continued commitment to sharing in the funding of this project, as announced at the 2006 UBCM Convention (Convention). At the Convention, Premier Campbell indicated our commitment to work with the CRD and the federal government to identify the best, lowest-cost solution to provide proper sewage treatment for Greater Victoria, and contribute one-third funding required to make that happen. This commitment was reiterated in the 2007 Speech from the Throne.

Please continue to work with Ministry of Community and Rural Development (Ministry) staff to discuss your project proposal, provincial funding opportunities, and the provincial business case requirements, including meeting provincial goals and strategies related to sustainable infrastructure and procurement best practices.

Should you or your staff have any questions, please ask your staff to contact Ms. Deborah Rasnick, Project Director, by telephone at: 250 387-0612, or email at: Deborah.Rasnick@gov.bc.ca.

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The Ministry looks forward to receiving your formal project proposal and business case, and to our continued working relationship moving forward.

Sincerely,



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