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Geoff Young, Chair and Directors  
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Dear Chair Young and Directors:

Thank you for submitting the Capital Regional District (CRD) Core Area Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) Progress Report dated June 26, 2009.

I appreciate the progress you have made to date and for your commitment to submitting the LWMP amendment by December 31, 2009. I recognize that you have focused on addressing the six key objectives outlined in my letters of December 14, 2007 and February 24, 2009.

According to the report, you have adopted a strategy for treatment with a goal of minimizing the costs to taxpayers and establishes resource recovery opportunities, including partnerships for water reuse, heat energy recovery and the beneficial use of biosolids. As you refine the strategy, I encourage you to continue to explore opportunities to optimize the beneficial reuse of resources and the integration of solid and liquid waste planning, and to seek out interested partners to test these opportunities.

I was interested in your progress and flexibility in consulting with First Nations and your implementation of an extensive community engagement program.

I note that you anticipate consultation and marine environmental impact assessment work will continue into 2010. Please be aware that this work should not delay site selection and providing detailed capital and operating costs for the sewage facilities. The cost estimates should reflect the provision of facilities to meet the regulatory requirements.

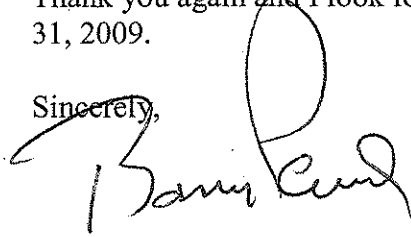
Please continue to work with Regional Environmental Protection staff of the Ministry of Environment to address: regulatory requirements under the plan for wastewater treatment; sludge management at proposed facilities; and wet weather flow management strategies including the schedule for implementation of the proposed Clover Point wet weather treatment plant.

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Please also continue to work with my colleague the Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development, and his staff, to address: the provincial business case requirements (including meeting provincial goals and strategies related to sustainable infrastructure), the assessment of public private partnerships and, ultimately, procurement planning and project implementation. I acknowledge that a portion of this work will occur after the LWMP amendment submission. Minister Bennett advises me that he will be in contact with you on the issue of provincial funding.

Thank you again and I look forward to receiving the LWMP amendment by December 31, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Penner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "P".

Barry Penner  
Minister

Pc: Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Community and Rural Development