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President Karla Kozakevich
and Directors of the Association
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Dear President Kozakevich and Directors:

Thank you to your delegation for meeting with ministry representatives during this year's Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention process. I am pleased that our governments have had the chance to connect, and I want to thank your delegation for its flexibility with scheduling our meeting this year.

As the Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, I write to acknowledge topics raised during our meeting, including community infrastructure to support residents of subsidized and supportive housing.

The Province understands that community support is integral to the success of any shelter or supportive housing project. BC Housing has studied the results of introducing supportive housing projects into new communities and has identified many positive benefits for both residents and community members. For example, one study found that a supportive housing resident with addictions and/or mental health issues will use \$18,000 less per year in health care and correctional services than someone experiencing homelessness with similar issues. I have attached a resource with this letter and more information, as well as other studies can be found in the BC Housing research library online at: www.bchousing.org/research-centre/library/community-acceptance-series-and-toolkits

BC Housing is committed to being a good neighbour and providing housing and support services that are beneficial for both residents and community members. For more support with community integration, including public education and partnership issues, please continue working with Nanette Drobot, BC Housing's Regional Operations Director for the Interior. You can contact Nanette Drobot by email at: ndrobot@bchousing.org, or by phone at: 250 490-6621.

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Thank you again to your delegation for the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Murray Rankin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Murray" and the last name "Rankin" clearly distinguishable.

Murray Rankin, KC
Attorney General and
Minister Responsible for Housing

Attachment

pc: Shannon Salter, Deputy Attorney General and Deputy Minister Responsible for Housing
Teri Collins, A/Associate Deputy Minister
Vincent Tong, VP of Development Services and Asset Strategies, BC Housing
Sara Goldvine, Vice-President of Communications and Public Affairs, BC Housing
Nanette Drobot, Interior Regional Operations Director, BC Housing