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Loyal Wooldridge, Chair
Regional District of Central Okanagan
1450 KLO Road,
Kelowna, BC, V1W 3Z4

Dear Chair Wooldridge:

Thank you for your letter of December 7, 2022, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding guidance on next steps related to the North Westside Governance and Services Study (Study) in the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO). As a/Director, Governance Structures, I am pleased to respond on behalf of Minister Anne Kang.

In your letter you summarized the actions that RDCO is undertaking in the North Westside community. Thank you for sharing the efforts being undertaken to address community issues identified in the Study. Since RDCO has several activities underway in the community to address issues identified in the Study, the Board may wish to consider timing and sequencing of the Board's activities and a subsequent request for a regional district boundary review study.

It is our understanding that RDCO is creating an Electoral Area Directors Committee. This action is encouraging, and the new Committee should be given sufficient time to be implemented and adapted as necessary. Understanding how effective the Committee will be in addressing community concerns will be an important consideration for any future Ministry-sponsored projects.

In addition to gaining understanding of the progress the RDCO is making to address community concerns, the proposed regional district boundary review study is also contingent on the active participation of the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO). Following the January 18th RDNO Board meeting RDNO has suggested an internal study on potential impacts to their existing services first before committing to any further action.

Therefore, it seems prudent for RDCO to continue their efforts in approving and implementing the proposed RDCO Electoral Area Directors Committee. If RDCO staff have any questions moving forward, they may contact David Van Ommen, Senior Planning Analyst, by email at David.VanOmmen@gov.bc.ca or by phone at 778-698-3214.

Chair Wooldridge

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'KL', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Lynch

a/Director, Governance Structures

CC: Brian Reardon, Chief Administrative Officer, Regional District of Central Okanagan