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Loyal Wooldridge, Chair  
Regional District of Central Okanagan  
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Dear Chair Wooldridge:

Thank you for your letter of October 3, 2022 to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding the North Westside Governance and Services Study (Study). I understand that the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) Board of Directors adopted a resolution on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to receive and endorse the Study Committee's recommendation.

The Committee's recommendation proposes a subsequent study that will examine the impacts of moving the North Westside community to the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) as a separate electoral area.

The Study offered several options for changes to governance within the RDCO's authority to alleviate some of the concerns expressed by residents, such as a Citizens Advisory Body, Electoral Area Services Committee, non-statutory service reviews and a local community commission. As you may appreciate, major boundary changes or restructures such as the one contemplated by the recommendation result in significant governance and service disruption. It would be helpful to have a fulsome understanding of the actions the RDCO has taken to mitigate the concerns prompting the request for the change—e.g., has the Board considered the creation of a services advisory committee for the North Westside prior to assessing if additional study or examination of a boundary change is warranted.

Additionally, information on RDNO's perspective on the recommendation for further analysis of the restructure of the regional district would also be needed prior to determining any next steps.

If you have questions or would like to arrange a meeting for further discussion, I can be reached via telephone at (778) 698-3229 or via email at [Karen.Lynch@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Karen.Lynch@gov.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

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