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Gail Given
Chair
Regional District of Central Okanagan
1450 K.L.O. Rd
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Dear Ms. Given:

I am pleased to advise you that I have approved a Restructure Planning Grant to the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) in the amount of \$20,000 to facilitate a services and community issues review for the North Westside Fire Protection Service Area (review area).

The purpose of this grant is to assist the RDCO with two tasks:

1. The collection, inventory and diagnostic analysis of available service delivery, taxation and other relevant data to better describe and understand key facets of local governance in the review area; and,
2. The identification of issues and concerns expressed by the review area communities regarding decision making and delivery of regional district services in the review area.

The Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development will follow up with RDCO administration with respect to the terms and conditions of this grant and will coordinate the transfer of funds.

Best of luck as you embark on this process. It is my hope that this work may serve as an important step towards building a greater collective understanding within the RDCO on issues of local governance and service delivery.

Sincerely,

Peter Fassbender
Minister
Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
Minister Responsible for TransLink

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