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Dear Director Carson:

Thank you for your e-mail of April 10, 2017 regarding the drafting of Terms of Reference for the North Westside Services and Community Issues Review (Review), and the items in it deemed out of scope. On behalf of Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for TransLink, and Tara Faganello, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division, I am pleased to respond.

Before an evaluation or reconsideration of Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) services could be undertaken, or changes to governance explored, the RDCO and the North Westside communities must have a common understanding of the services and related community issues that have led to this Review.

The Minister confirmed this as the purpose of the \$20,000 grant funding in his February 15, 2017 letter to the RDCO Board. Should the RDCO wish to further explore governance options based on the outcome of the Review, the RDCO has the option of requesting that the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (Ministry) consider further requests for funding and support.

The Ministry had significant involvement in drafting the Terms of Reference to ensure that they conformed to the purpose of the grant captured in the Minister's letter.

I was pleased to hear that the RDCO Board unanimously accepted the draft Terms of Reference with minor amendments at its April 13, 2017 meeting. The Ministry supports these amendments, and we look forward to working with you and your colleagues as the Review progresses.

Yours truly,

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