



Honourable David Eby
Premier of British Columbia
Honourable Christine Boyle
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Donegal Wilson
Member of the Legislative Assembly, Boundary - Similkameen

December 15, 2025

Subject: *Bill M216 Professional Reliance Act* – City of Greenwood Remarks

On behalf of the City of Greenwood, following a motion passed by Council on December 15, 2025. The City of Greenwood Council has directed that I convey our concerns regarding *Bill M216, the Professional Reliance Act*. While we share the Province's objective of increasing housing supply, we believe this legislation undermines the foundations of local democracy and responsible community planning.

Municipal councils are elected to represent their residents and are entrusted with balancing growth, sustainability, and community character. *Bill M216* would diminish that role by transferring key decision-making powers away from local governments and into provincial processes that lack the nuance of local context. Greenwood's professional staff and the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary's planners bring essential expertise to these matters, and their work is grounded in the realities of our community. Removing or sidelining that expertise risks poor outcomes and erodes public confidence.

Greenwood has consistently met housing requirements established by both the Province and our own Council. This demonstrates that municipalities are capable of delivering solutions without heavy-handed provincial intervention. Imposing a uniform framework across diverse communities disregards the unique circumstances of each municipality and penalizes those that have acted responsibly.

We are also troubled by the dispute resolution mechanism proposed in *Bill M216*. Assigning authority to the Office of the Superintendent of Professional Governance - an office without mandate or capacity in local land-use planning - creates uncertainty and weakens accountability. Residents expect their elected representatives to make these decisions, not an external body removed from community realities.

For these reasons, Greenwood Council urges the Province to suspend implementation of *Bill M216* and to engage in genuine consultation with municipalities and professional organizations. Constructive dialogue will ensure that housing goals are advanced while respecting local autonomy and preserving democratic governance.

We remain committed to working with the Province on housing solutions that strengthen communities, respect municipal authority, and uphold public trust.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bolt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

Mayor John Bolt

cc: Dean Trumbley, Chief Administrative Officer
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