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His Worship Mayor Ward Stamer District of Barriere PO Box 219 Barriere BC V0E 1E0

Dear Mayor Stamer:

Re: UBCM Meeting 2024

I am writing to thank you and your staff for taking the time to meet with the former Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and me during the 2024 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention.

I am glad there was an opportunity to discuss the progress of passing lane work along Highway 5 between Russell Street and Louis Creek, as well as your concerns regarding the speed limit north of Barriere, as well as highway access to the proposed development north of town. You also raised dash cam requirements for commercial vehicles, your concerns about safety along Highway 5 at Purcha's Corner, the speed limit through Fishtrap Canyon and your support for additional Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement staffing.

Ministry staff will follow up with you directly to update you on the status of passing lane work along Highway 5 between Russell Street and Louis Creek, as well as to further discuss the concerns you raised about safety along Highway 5 north of town, including the speed limit.

Please do not hesitate to contact District Manager Transportation, Graeme Schimpf directly if you have any questions in the meantime. He can be reached at 250 554-7142 or Graeme.Schimpf@gov.bc.ca and would be pleased to assist you.

Each September, the UBCM gathering serves as an important opportunity to bring together our two levels of government so we can highlight and advance our communities' transportation priorities. Following the election, your thoughts and suggestions will be shared with the incoming Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Thank you for your hard work in supporting your community.

Sincerely,

Kaye Krishna Deputy Minister

Copy to: Kevin Richter, Associate Deputy Minister

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