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Mayor Leonard Krog  
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Dear Mayor Leonard Krog,

We are writing to you with respect to your Council's final consideration of Rezoning Application No. RA475 scheduled for July 10, 2023.

The Province has very recently appointed Lorne Brownsey to act as an independent fact finder to identify pathways to resolving the issues involving your City, the Snuneymuxw First Nation, and Oakwood Park Estates that are associated with this rezoning and proposed development. We understand that he has now met with all of the parties, and, if there is agreement to do so, he would convene a negotiation process whereby the parties, including the Province, would seek to negotiate mutually agreeable understandings in the coming months.

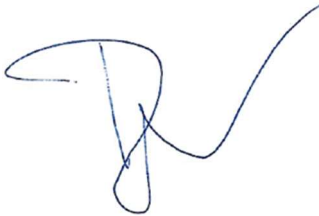
The Province has also received an archaeological impact assessment report pursuant to the Heritage Inspection Permit 2020-0148 in which a protected archaeological site was confirmed on the development properties. The BC Archaeology Branch has not yet reviewed the contents of this report.

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It is important that time be provided for this work to take place. My view is that the multi-party negotiation, particularly led by a skilled and experienced former public servant such as Lorne Brownsey, has the potential to reach a successful resolution that meets the interests of all parties. I hope that the City will take the prospect of this negotiation and the need for British Columbia to undertake its review of the archaeological impact assessment report into account as it considers the bylaw amendment contemplated for July 10, 2023.

If you have any questions, ministry staff are available to talk with your officials.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom McCarthy', with a stylized flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Tom McCarthy  
Deputy Minister

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Lorne Brownsey