



December 19, 2013

His Worship
Mayor Merlin Nichols
District of Chetwynd
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Reference: 220617

Dear Mayor Nichols:

Re: Thank You

I am writing to thank you for taking the time to meet with me at this year's annual Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention. It was great to have the chance to discuss frost heave repairs along Highway 97, and your request for a corridor study along highways 29 and 97 through Chetwynd. I was also grateful for your kind words regarding the ministry's support on the Right-In/Right-Out Intersection Project.

The yearly UBCM convention is an important opportunity for our two levels of government to come together and work collaboratively on the issues that matter to British Columbians. The thoughtful dialogue and informative discussion exchanged during this event serves a vital role in giving our province's communities a clear voice on how we can make our transportation network the safest and most reliable possible.

While I am relatively new to my portfolio as Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, it is easy to see the outstanding level of commitment our province's local representatives share in supporting the success of our local communities. I was pleased to experience firsthand the valuable role the UBCM gathering serves in promoting a strong and positive working relationship between B.C.'s elected officials. I have asked ministry staff to follow up with you directly to ensure frost heave issues are repaired if the current approach to improve surrounding drainage does not fix the problem. Ministry staff will also continue working with the District regarding the corridor study for highways 29 and 97.

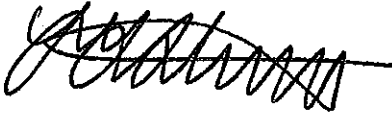
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In the meantime, should you have further questions or concerns regarding these or other matters in your area, please do not hesitate to contact local District Manager Scott Maxwell. He can be reached at 250 787-3238 or by e-mail at Scott.Maxwell@gov.bc.ca and would be pleased to assist you.

I appreciated the positive and productive tone of our meeting, and I look forward to continuing to work together to make our province a leader in transportation excellence.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me.

Sincerely,



Todd G. Stone
Minister

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