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Michele Babchuk, Chair  
Strathcona Regional District  
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Dear Chair Babchuk, *Michele*

**Re: Thank you for meeting at UBCM 2019**

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Vancouver. I was glad to have the opportunity to discuss improvements to the local transportation network.

This convention is an essential part of my year, because I can connect face-to-face with leaders like you who know their communities better than anyone. Your neighbours and local businesses come to you first with their ideas and frustrations. The provincial government relies on your insight to guide our plans, and I want you to know how much I appreciate the work you do.

This year's theme of resiliency and change brought home how important it is for governments to collaborate so that we are ready for the unexpected challenges that can face us. We will always accomplish more together. As my ministry works to build a healthy and lasting transportation network with new options and new directions, consultation and partnership will continue to be at the heart of our approach.

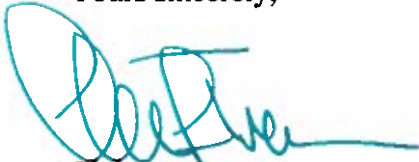
I appreciated you sharing with me your concerns regarding rural road infrastructure on the North Island. I have asked local ministry staff to follow up with you directly to discuss the matters you raised during our meeting in more detail.

Please do not hesitate to contact Janelle Staite, Regional Deputy Director, South Coast Region, should you have any questions in the meantime. She can be reached by telephone at 250 751-3282 or by email at [Janelle.Staite@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Janelle.Staite@gov.bc.ca) and would be pleased to assist you.

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Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me, and thank you for everything you do to support your community.

Yours sincerely,



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Minister

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