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Brad Unger, Chair  
and Members of the Board  
Strathcona Regional District  
990 Cedar St  
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Dear Chair Unger and Board Members:

Congratulations on your newly elected role as Chair. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing looks forward to working with you in that role and our continued working relationship with the Board and staff at the Strathcona Regional District.

Thank you to your delegation for meeting with ministry representatives during this year's virtual Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention process. Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, we have had to develop new approaches and adaptations to many aspects of our everyday life. I thank your delegation for its flexibility with provincial appointments this year and I am pleased that our governments still had the chance to connect.

As Deputy Minister, I write to acknowledge topics raised during your conference call, which included the Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex and your application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program's (ICIP) Community, Culture and Recreation (CCR) funding stream. I was pleased to hear that you have been working with Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff on phasing this project over a few years so that you can apply for smaller amounts to increase your chances of getting federal/provincial funding approval. As you know, all capital grant programs are oversubscribed, and this means there are always good projects that will not receive funding.

I understand that your delegation also discussed the Connected Coast project, a venture to bring broadband internet to rural and remote coastal communities. Any questions on this project can be directed to Joshua Craig, Financial Officer, Local Government Finance, by email at: [Joshua.Craig@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joshua.Craig@gov.bc.ca), or by telephone at: 778-698-3231. If you have any questions about funding opportunities, please direct them to NetworkBC, which can be contacted by email at: [NetworkBC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:NetworkBC@gov.bc.ca). I look forward to being updated as the project progresses.

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I understand that your community recently submitted an application to ICIP's Rural and Northern Communities (RNC) funding stream for the Surge Narrows Marine Infrastructure Redevelopment Project. Final decisions for this program are anticipated to in summer 2021.

Please continue to work with ministry staff for project guidance and for advice with any future funding applications. You may contact John Antill, Acting Director, Infrastructure and Engineering by email at: [John.Antill@gov.bc.ca](mailto:John.Antill@gov.bc.ca), or by telephone at: 778 974-2132.

Thank you, again, to your delegation for the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kaye Krishna', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kaye Krishna  
Deputy Minister

pc: John Antill, Acting Director, Infrastructure and Engineering  
David Leitch, Chief Administrative Officer, Strathcona Regional District  
Joshua Craig, Financial Officer, Local Government Finance