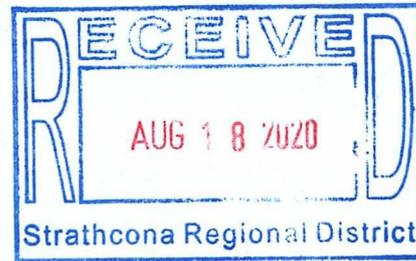




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4<sup>th</sup>, August 2020

Hon. Claire Trevena, MLA  
North Island

Hon. Minister Robinson  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Room 310 Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
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Dear Minister Robinson,

Re: RECREATE

I am writing to express my strong support for Strathcona Regional District's application for funding for its Recreate project under the CCR stream of the joint provincial – federal Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

The SRD submitted an application in the first intake but was unsuccessful. Since then staff at the Regional District have been working with staff from your ministry on refining the scope of the project and thus scale back the cost.

The project is now focused solely on wellness, health management and fitness. The reduced scope includes urgent work needed on the pool at Strathcona Gardens, the only indoor swimming pool in the region. The pool is obviously extremely popular for recreational and competitive swimmers but is also used for wellness activities in partnership with Island Health. The SRD acknowledges that unless it is successful in getting the grant, the current pool will have to close.

The project also includes space for fitness, rehabilitation and therapy and will provide a truly holistic approach to health management.

The SRD has invested heavily in this project: \$2m has gone into detailed design; it has increased its annual requisition by \$350,000 this year and will again in 2022 and by 2022 \$5,906,000 reserve funding will be available. The application is for %50m.

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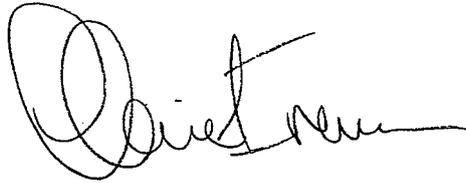
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I know that you are acutely aware of how difficult it is from municipalities and regional districts to raise the money to be able to do such extensive investment for their communities. This has obviously been exacerbated by the impacts of Covid-19. But as we build out of Covid-19, the opportunities created by a project such as this – in immediate and long-term job creation-are significant for a community such as Campbell River. The project will be tender ready in Spring 2021.

I would hope that you will look favourably on the application and I am happy to provide any further information you may need.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claire Trevena". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "T".

Claire Trevena, MLA  
North Island

cc: Michele Babchuk, Chair SRD  
David Leitch, CAO, SRD