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Peter Luckham, Chair
and Members of Board
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Dear Peter Luckham and Board:

Thank you to your delegation for meeting with Minister Donaldson and other ministry representatives during this year's virtual Union of British Columbia 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 am pleased to acknowledge the topics raised during your conference call, which included: Crown land agreements and *Private Managed Forest Land Act* (PMFLA) amendments

I understand that the Islands Trust would like to move forward with amendments to the Crown Land Agreements and is requesting access to dedicated resources to make those amendments possible. Minister Donaldson has asked ministry staff to work with your staff to ensure the agreement is updated, and that the updates reflect how to preserve and protect the mandate of the Islands Trust.

Additionally, we sympathize with your concerns regarding conflict between the Islands Trust mandate and the values of the PMFLA. As such, Minister Donaldson has asked staff to consider the legal opinion options paper that Islands Trust provides to determine how to alleviate some of that conflict.

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Now that we are in the election period, issues regarding future funding programs and other policy decisions must be deferred until after the election is complete and the incoming government is in place. All topics brought up in your meeting will be shared with the incoming minister.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Allan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Allan
Deputy Minister

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