



October 17, 2023

VIA EMAIL: council@northcowichan.ca

Mayor Rob Douglas
Municipality of North Cowichan
7030 Trans-Canada Highway
Duncan, British Columbia
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Dear Mayor Douglas:

Thank you to your delegation for meeting with myself and other Ministry of Forests representatives at the annual UBCM Convention held September 18-22 in Vancouver. I am writing to recap the conversations and commitments made at our meeting, which I hope you found as productive and beneficial as we did.

During our meeting, we discussed your request for ongoing provincial and federal funding for implementation of the Flood Management Plan to protect properties, business, and critical infrastructure against the increasing threat posed by flooding. I understand the seriousness of these concerns, and, as noted, sediment removal in the Chemainus River is a temporary measure. I recommended the municipality participate in a water management committee with other stakeholders. In addition, I suggested that a joint meeting with myself and Minister Ma may be required to further understand and review the issues in order to determine what role the Province can play. My staff will reach out to help arrange meeting details.

Again, I appreciate you taking the time to meet. I am pleased our governments had the opportunity to connect about these important topics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce Ralston".

Bruce Ralston
Minister

pc: Doug Routley, MLA, Nanaimo-North Cowichan
Honourable Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness