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VIA EMAIL: rob.douglas@northcowichan.ca

Mayor Rob Douglas
Municipality of North Cowichan
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Dear Mayor Douglas:

Thank you to your delegation for meeting with the Minister of Forests at the 2024 UBCM Convention held September 16-20 in Vancouver. As Deputy Minister, I am responding on behalf of the Minister during this interregnum period of the provincial general election. We appreciated the opportunity to share information, and to hear directly from your municipality about forestry issues important to your community. I am also writing to summarize the main discussion points and how we agreed to move forward together to address them.

I understand the meeting began with a review of the local forest sector and how its health is essential to the well-being of the North Cowichan district municipality. The conversation also included fibre supply challenges, permit turnarounds for timber harvesting, Forest Landscape Planning, allowable annual cut reductions, and private managed forest lands. Although time may have run short, we trust that the UBCM session was helpful in more fully addressing some of the issues touched on in previous correspondence.

Again, thank you for meeting at the UBCM Convention to explore ideas and exchange perspectives on these key topics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Manwaring". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Richard Manwaring, R.P.F.
Deputy Minister

pc: Sarah Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Coast Area