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His Worship Ted Schaffer
Mayor of the City of Langley
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Dear Mayor Schaffer:

I am writing to thank you for meeting with me at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities convention, held on September 25-29, 2017 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

I am greatly encouraged by the success of our meeting at this year's convention, themed *Roots to Results*. With nearly 2,000 community leaders in attendance, local governments came together with a unified voice to discuss the needs across communities; raised issues and ideas important to their communities; and, learned about commonalities across the province.

I appreciate you sharing your concerns about School Site Acquisition Charges (SSAC), due to differing growth rates in the Township of Langley and the City of Langley. As you know, under the *Local Government Act*, boards of education may collect SSACs from residential developers for the purpose of providing capital funds to assist in the acquisition of eligible school sites in growing communities. The *Local Government Act*, allows the Langley Board of Education to duly collect a school site acquisition charge from residential developers within the entirety of its legal jurisdiction, without particular regard to local government boundaries. Without changes to the *Local Government Act*, the District of Langley is within their legal rights to collect SSAC charges from the City of Langley.

If you have any questions or concerns related to education at the local level, I encourage you to make contact with your local school district.

Thank you again for meeting and sharing your concerns. Your support and commitment to students in your community is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming
Minister