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Dear Kelly Kenney:

Thank you for your letter advising of support of the Metro Vancouver Regional District resolution proposing a change to legislation governing the appointment of municipal directors to regional district boards.

Section 198 of the *Local Government Act* enables local governments maximum flexibility to decide which council member(s) to appoint as municipal director(s) to the regional district board. This appointment process for local governments is applied differently across British Columbia based on local needs and decisions. For example, the City of Victoria has established a bylaw that sets the procedure to allow citizens to vote for the council member candidates they would like to represent the municipality on the regional district board and then the municipality appoints on that basis.

The flexibility under current legislation allows municipalities the option, if they so choose, to pass a procedural bylaw to require the mayor be appointed the municipal director at the regional district board. Additionally, the regional district board as a whole can express a preference that all member municipalities agree to appoint the mayor, or mayor's designate, as a municipal director, although this is, of course, not binding on the municipalities.

A statutory amendment to the Act to require municipal councils appoint the mayor, or the mayor's designate, as the municipal director to the regional district board would be a significant change that would affect all local governments across B.C. and would, in some cases, alter how municipalities currently appoint their municipal directors. As there are many views on the municipal director appointment process, the province recommends that these types of matters be brought forward through the established Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) resolutions process, which allows for other local governments to consider the proposed changes and endorse them or not.

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Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

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Josie Osborne  
Minister