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Mayor and Members of Council
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Dear Mayor and Councillors:

Thank you to your delegation for meeting with ministry representatives during this year's Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention. I am pleased that our governments had the chance to connect, and I want to thank your delegation for its flexibility with scheduling this year.

As the Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, I write to acknowledge topics raised during our meeting, including homelessness, integrated health services and complex care housing.

I appreciate the work that the City has undertaken in working with BC Housing on the partnership regarding the First Avenue integrated health and housing project, as well as the efforts that have gone towards the overall provision of integrated health services for vulnerable people in your community. For any outstanding issues related to these or other social/supportive housing challenges that the City may wish to pursue, please contact Amy Wong at: awong@bchousing.org who is the Director, Regional Development for the Northern Region with BC Housing.

Regarding homelessness and encampments, the Province, through *Budget 2022*, is investing \$633 million over three years to address chronic homelessness through coordinated supports, including complex care housing, wraparound support systems, new supports for youth aging out of care and permanent housing with supports for people in temporary spaces. We are committed to working in partnership with communities to create long-term solutions to prevent homelessness before it happens.

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I want to encourage you to reach out to the federal government, including the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing, Diversity, and Inclusion, to bring federal funding to the table.

Thank you again to your delegation for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,



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