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Dear Mayor Simon Yu:

I would like to thank you for attending the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention and appreciate you bringing forward your community's interests and concerns.

I would like to acknowledge how much we appreciate the close working relationship that we have developed with city staff to advance our common goal of establishing Prince George as a clean energy hub. The city's proactive approach, dedication to building awareness, and support for clean energy projects within your municipality are commendable.

The province is equally excited about the potential benefits associated with the Call for Power. Climate change has created an urgent need to move away from our reliance on fossil fuels, and the province is committed to powering our economy with clean energy. As part of "Powering our Future: BC's Clean Energy Strategy," the Province has committed to conducting regular, competitive calls for power. This will create thousands of jobs through construction and help ensure that BC Hydro has sufficient clean energy to support the electrification of existing industries, communities, and to support new cleantech industries like hydrogen and renewable fuels.

We are encouraged by many of the commercial-scale hydrogen projects being proposed within your community, including Hydra, Salish Elements and HTEC. These projects, if built, will create good paying jobs, diversify the economy and help to decarbonize the heavy-duty transportation sector.

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Additionally, we are pleased to hear that funding support helped enable your staff to participate in the Australia trade mission. The insights gained and the collaboration with Fortescue, despite not moving forward at this time, have proven to be very valuable. We recognize that certainty on power supply is crucial for future projects, and we remain open to future opportunities for collaboration.

Regarding your inquiries:

1. **Hydrogen Hub and Corridor Development:** We recognize that funding for the hydrogen hub development is running low. We are currently exploring ways that we can continue to support hub and corridor development in Prince George to enhance clean energy initiatives.
2. **Greening the Fleet:** The Province does have incentive programs in place to support people, businesses, local government transition to zero emission vehicles and would be happy to provide additional information and/or meet with staff to explore these incentives. The federal government also offers funding programs, such as the Green Municipal Fund, to support local governments in Canada with projects that tackle climate challenges and reduce emissions.

The UBCM Convention is an important opportunity for our two levels of government to discuss and advance priorities and want to thank you again for meeting with us. As we transition to a newly elected government, a summary of the discussions at UBCM will be shared with the incoming Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation.

Sincerely,



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