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Their Worship Mayor Simon Yu
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Dear Mayor Simon Yu,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Deputy Minister Bobbi Plecas and our team during the 2025 UBCM convention in Victoria. Bobbi has briefed me on your conversation, and I appreciate the materials and thoughtful perspectives you shared. I am happy to reaffirm our commitment to ongoing collaboration.

We recognize the critical importance of a helipad in the upcoming acute care tower project in Prince George, scheduled to begin in Fall 2026. As the region's primary referral hospital, this capability is essential for timely emergency care. We welcome continued discussion as planning progresses.

The resolution endorsed at the North Central Local Government Association convention highlights the urgent need for a secure psychiatric facility in Prince George. We recognize the strain limited access places on emergency departments and acute care beds, and we look forward to exploring solutions together.

I understand the concerns regarding the development of the *Infrastructure Projects Act*. Please know that the Province remains committed to engaging local governments as we move forward with implementation.

I also appreciated learning about the priorities and challenges facing your community, and I share your commitment to working together to improve outcomes for citizens. As Minister of Infrastructure, I am proud of the ministry's role in delivering public capital projects that support essential services for communities across British Columbia—including schools, hospitals, and post-secondary facilities.

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I look forward to a future opportunity for us to connect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bowinn".

Honourable Bowinn Ma
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