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Dear Mayor Desjardins:

Thank you for your letter of April 18, 2016, regarding the Township of Esquimalt's response on the Framework for Capital Integrated Services and Governance Initiative. I appreciate the thought that council has given to the criteria that will be necessary for the delivery of a successful project.

As council may be aware, the result of the request for proposals seeking a consultant to undertake the Initiative was recently communicated to Capital region councils and the Capital Regional District board. The panel of Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and local government staff (including the Chief Administrative officers from the District of Saanich and Town of View Royal) reviewed the submissions. Council may be interested to know that many of council's comments are consistent with the evaluation criteria for the submissions. Key components that the reviewers were looking for included extensive local government experience in working on a wide range of governance and service matters, and the ability to engage effectively with local governments and citizens. The successful proponent was also expected to have knowledge of Capital area governments and issues, as well as an understanding of legislative frameworks of other local government systems in Canada.

I anticipate that the Initiative will be an opportunity for Capital area local governments to respond to continued interest in the effective delivery of service and governance in the region. The Initiative is an important first step in assisting citizens to better understand the region's local governments' current service delivery arrangements and any opportunities for further integration. I also anticipate opportunities for feedback from local governments and citizens through the process.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Peter Fassbender
Minister