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October 25, 2018

Her Worship Barbara Desjardins
Mayor of the Township of Esquimalt
Municipal Hall
1229 Esquimalt Road
Esquimalt BC V9A 3P1

Dear Mayor Desjardins:

Your September 17, 2018 letter, addressed to the Honourable David Eby, Minister of Attorney General, in which you express support for modernizing the *Motor Vehicle Act (MVA)*, has been referred to me.

One of the provincial government's primary objectives is to promote a high level of safety for all road users on British Columbia's roads and highways. This is especially important for vulnerable road users of all ages, whether they are walking or cycling.

In British Columbia, we are always looking at new safety solutions that reflect the way roads are being used today and ministry staff are constantly reviewing suggestions for improving safety for all road users. This includes potential legislative, regulatory and policy improvements, and I can assure you that the advocacy, commitment and collaboration we have with our road safety partners is essential to this work. We value the contribution that road safety advocates, such as the Road Safety Law Reform Group of British Columbia, provide by making recommendations for changes or updates to the *MVA*. As I am sure you can appreciate, before any decisions are made considerable research and analysis is required, including cross-jurisdictional scans and consultations with an extensive range of stakeholder groups.

One of the ways we are working together with our stakeholders is through the BC Road Safety Strategy, which consists of five working groups made up of road safety partners from across the province who come together to explore and collaborate on ways in which we can make our roads safer in British Columbia. One of the guiding principles of the BC Road Safety Strategy is the Safe System Approach, which considers all elements of the road system, road users, vehicles, roadways and travel speeds in addressing road safety issues. Most recently, as part of the strategy, RoadSafetyBC released the BC Community Road Safety Toolkit to provide information for local governments on proven road safety best practices, including those that can improve safety for vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians.

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For more information, please see: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/road-safety-rules-and-consequences/publications-legislation-and-data/bc-community-road-safety-toolkit>.

I appreciate your special interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Farnworth", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

pc: The Honourable John Horgan
The Honourable David Eby, QC
The Honourable Claire Trevena