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Brad Sperling
Chair
Peace River Regional District
Email: Jenni.Griffiths@prrd.bc.ca

Dear Chair Brad Sperling:

Thank you for your correspondence received on January 30th, 2024, addressed to The Honourable David Eby, Premier, and myself, concerning the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act* (EDMA). I would also like to thank you for meeting with me on March 26th to further discuss EDMA.

In response to the questions and feedback that I have received from a range of local governments, I have sent a letter dated March 12th, 2024, to all mayors and regional district chairs across the Province that provides clarity on the most common concerns raised. As I noted in my letter, I appreciate the suggestion of a regional districts working group as a potential way to ensure regional district concerns are fully understood and EMCR will take this into consideration as we continue regulation development.

We are also working to produce and public helpful guidance on the EDMA (gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/local-emergency-programs/local-gov-operations), and technical questions can be referred to your local regional office or to modernizeEM@gov.bc.ca.

I am sincerely grateful to all of the local governments that provided a submission in response to engagement that took place from October 2023 through January 2024 on the modernization of regulations for local authorities and for disaster financial assistance. All feedback we have received from local governments will be considered as part of our work to develop regulations under the EDMA. There is also a five-year review of the Act that is mandated under the legislation.

Our web page dedicated to the legislation also includes some up-to-date information that you may find useful. You can find this page at gov.bc.ca/EmergencyManagementAct.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Bowinn Ma
Minister of Emergency Management
and Climate Readiness

CC: The Honourable David Eby, Premier
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RE: Cariboo Regional District's Letter to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness

Dear Premier Eby and Minister Ma,

At the January 11, 2024, Peace River Regional District Board Meeting, the Regional Board discussed the letter sent by the Cariboo Regional District to the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness regarding amendments to the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*. After discussion, the Regional Board subsequently passed the following resolution:

MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED

"That the Regional Board send a letter to Premier Eby and Minister Ma and all 27 Regional Districts in support of the Cariboo Regional District's request to form a Regional District Advisory Working Group to assist in the development and implementation of regulations regarding the Emergency and Disaster Management Act."

Sincerely,

Brad Sperling

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Chair

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