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Dear Becky Galesthorpe:

I would like to thank the delegation from the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) for such an informative meeting at this year's Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention held in Vancouver. I am writing to follow up on our discussion regarding reinstating the local crime prevention unit; exploring the potential for regional policing; and addressing concerns about RCMP communications and police resourcing.

I appreciate your concerns with respect to complex social issues impacting community safety within the PRRD and the importance of a local crime prevention unit. As mentioned during our meeting, the Province implemented the [Safer Communities Action Plan \(SCAP\)](#) to address and improve community safety through a variety of initiatives such as [Situation Tables](#), [Repeat Violent Offenders Intervention Initiative \(REVOII\)](#) and [Indigenous Justice Centres](#). For more information on SCAP initiatives and how they may support community safety in the PRRD, please contact Darrion Campbell, Executive Director, Public Safety Transition Team, Corporate Strategic Initiatives Branch at Darrion.Campbell@gov.bc.ca or by telephone at 778-698-5974.

Policing and Security Branch staff are having ongoing discussions internally and with the BC RCMP on topics raised by the PRRD including the topics noted above, as well as cross border issues and major crimes. I assure you that once discussions have concluded, Ministry staff will be in contact with PRRD representatives.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us and for sharing your questions and concerns pertaining to community safety and policing in the PRRD. Should you have any questions please contact Lindsay Lozoway, Senior Program Manager, B.C. RCMP Service Delivery by email at Lindsay.lozoway@gov.bc.ca or by telephone at 236-638-1552.

I appreciate these opportunities to connect, exchange ideas and share information. Through continued partnership, I am confident we can work together to address public safety and issues of importance to the PRRD.

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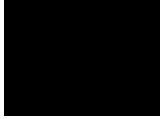
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