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Dear Keith Page:

I am writing to follow up on our meeting at this year's Union of BC Municipalities Convention on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Thank you for taking the opportunity to meet with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness representatives; it was good to hear firsthand the matters of importance to you and your community relating to the development and maintenance of critical emergency management infrastructure.

Your insights on the priorities for communities in the Kootenay-Boundary area are appreciated, including an interest in a per capita-based funding model that reflects each community's capacity for emergency management with adjustments to support smaller communities. You provided valuable perspectives on enhancing emergency management services at the local level, and we discussed leveraging local knowledge and advocating for provincial support that complements local initiatives, outlining that this collaborative partnership can strengthen emergency management across all communities in the Kootenay-Boundary area.

I've included an attachment outlining a range of funding sources for disaster risk reduction. I also recommend checking the [Community Climate Funding Guide](#), a resource developed by our colleagues at the Ministries of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation, and Environment and Climate Change Strategy, for other funding programs that may be able to provide support for your projects. Please contact the EMCR funding programs team for more information about our funding programs and their respective streams at [EMCR.DisasterMitigation@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EMCR.DisasterMitigation@gov.bc.ca).

Again, thank you and your delegation for taking the time to meet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tara Richards".

Tara Richards  
Deputy Minister

Attachment: Disaster Risk Reduction Funding Programs Information

CC: [Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments](#)  
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