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Gail Given, Chair
Regional District of Central Okanagan
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Dear Chair Given:

Thank you for your letter of March 29, 2021, requesting a restructure planning grant to undertake a Governance and Services Study for the North Westside communities of the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area in the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO).

I appreciate that there has been a sustained interest in this community to review the current governance framework and service provision by the RDCO. I am pleased to see that the RDCO Restructure Planning Grant Committee was a successful endeavour in helping to better understand the importance of examining, prior to any consideration of incorporation, the existing state of local governance and service delivery in the area.

Undertaking a restructure study is a major endeavor and requires a significant commitment of local and provincial time and resources. In order to consider such a commitment, I will need additional details on the proposed process, scope, budget, and timeline. To this end, I have asked Ministry of Municipal Affairs staff to follow up with RDCO staff to gather further information and to begin shaping terms of reference for this request.

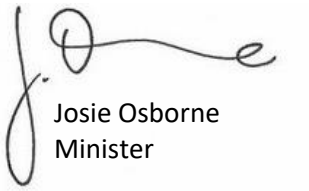
I look forward to providing a response about funding once ministry staff have had an opportunity to discuss details with RDCO staff and are able to provide me with more extensive information about the proposed study.

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Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



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