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Dear David Eby:

Thank you for your letter of July 6, 2016, concerning the proposed Metro Vancouver works yard in Pacific Spirit Park.

As Minister Fassbender noted in his response to you on July 27, 2016, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations has overall management of the Province of British Columbia's Crown land inventory. Crown lands are managed with a view to ensuring the best use of those lands for British Columbians, both now and in the future.

Therefore, several years ago, when Metro Vancouver approached this ministry to secure more permanent tenure on that site, it was advised that would not be possible as we continue to explore best use of limited Crown lands in the UEL. While a long-term tenure is not possible at this time, current use can continue until a decision is made regarding the longer term use of the site.

I can confirm that alternate uses for the location of the current public works yard are under discussion consistent with the mandate of my ministry, but no decisions have been made. Therefore, it is premature at this time to share any information. However, we will share appropriate information with all the concerned parties if and when the discussions progress to a stage that a decision is required with respect to the future of the Metro Vancouver public yards work in its current location.

I am pleased that Metro Vancouver has initiated a process to locate a permanent facility. They have had facilities within the regional park in the past, which would make it a viable location for a park's operations centre. I am told that Pacific Spirit Regional Park occupies more than half of the land base within the University Endowment Lands, and that Metro Vancouver Parks staff subsequently identified some possible locations within the park for their works

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yard. We have encouraged their pursuit of these options in the event the current works yard location becomes unavailable.

I will continue to follow this issue with interest as Metro Vancouver explores its options for a permanent works yard site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Thomson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Steve Thomson
Minister

pc: Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and
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