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**VIA EMAIL: [aharrison@salmonarm.ca](mailto:aharrison@salmonarm.ca)**

Mayor Alan Harrison  
City of Salmon Arm  
500 – 2 Avenue NE, PO Box 40  
Salmon Arm, British Columbia  
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Dear Mayor Harrison:

Thank you to your delegation for meeting with myself and other Ministry of Forests representatives at the annual UBCM Convention held September 18-22 in Vancouver. I am writing to recap the conversations and commitments made at our meeting, which I hope you found as productive and beneficial as we did.

During our discussion, we talked about Canoe Beach and Marine Park. I committed to enquiring about the status of your application. To my knowledge, this application is currently under review by FrontCounter BC staff, who are working with Western Water on application review and information requirements. After that, it will undergo a technical review by Crown Lands staff. While your application has been prioritized, given the complexity of First Nation consultation and high caseload, it is anticipated the review could take another eight to ten months.

For further information on the status of this application, I encourage you to contact Gord MacDonald, Section Head – Crown Lands, Thompson Okanagan Region, at 250-312-7156.

Again, I appreciate you taking the time to meet. I am pleased our governments had the opportunity to connect about these important topics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce Ralston".

Bruce Ralston  
Minister

pc: Jamie Jeffreys, Assistant Deputy Minister, South Area  
Gord MacDonald, Section Head – Crown Lands, Thompson Okanagan Region