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Their Worship Mayor Bill Dingwall
City of Pitt Meadows
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Dear Mayor Dingwall:

It was a pleasure to speak with you and your delegation during the 2021 UBCM Convention. I appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the challenges and opportunities in your community.

During our meeting we discussed the impacts of major industrial developments such as railways, and the request by the City of Pitt Meadows to amend the Prescribed Classes of Property Regulation so that railway yards are in Class 5 - Light Industry rather than Class 6 - Business and Other. The Province is aware of the issue raised by local governments and the Lower Mainland Local Government Association. BC Assessment is also aware of these concerns and local governments can reach out to BC Assessment if they have concerns regarding assessment of a particular property.

The Province currently has no plan to explore reclassification given considerable effort went into the 1995/96 decision to classify rail yards in Class 6. We are working with BC Assessment to review the assessment methodology of linear properties, which includes rail properties in Class 2 - Utilities. The review may address some of the revenue concerns raised by local governments.

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Thank you again for meeting with me at this year's convention. I appreciated the opportunity to connect with you directly and to discuss issues that impact the City of Pitt Meadows.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Robinson', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Selina Robinson
Minister