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Subject:

RE: E-mail from the Provincial Director of Child Welfare and the Provincial Director of Adoption

VIA E-MAIL

Ref: 254717

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

As the Provincial Director of Child Welfare and the Provincial Director of Adoption, we are honoured to once again acknowledge November as Adoption Awareness month. This month of recognition encourages us to reflect on those families in our province who have opened their hearts and lives through adoption. This November is like no other as we face the challenges of a global pandemic – however, the need for adoptive families for children and youth waiting in foster care remains and the work to find those families continues.

Our wish is that growing up in a permanent and loving home is a reality for all children and youth in British Columbia. Unfortunately, there are hundreds of children and youth in foster care still hoping to find a family to call their own. Adoption can provide some of the most vulnerable young people in our communities with families who will provide support and guidance to grow into adulthood and future citizens.

Celebrating November as Adoption Awareness month is not the only way your community can support adoptive parents and those who might choose to adopt in the future. Even in these times of COVID-19 precautions, you can organize an online information session for prospective parents in your community or a virtual celebration for those who are already adoptive parents. You can explore the variety of virtual adoption awareness events happening around our province in November here: <https://www.bcadoption.com/aam>. If you would like more guidance or information on how to champion and raise awareness about adoption, please connect with Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) staff at MCF.AdoptionsBranch@gov.bc.ca.

An important resource for all those involved in adoptions in British Columbia is [The Adoptive Families Association of British Columbia](#), which has been a support for adoptive families in British Columbia for over forty years. You may wish to [connect with the association](#) to learn more about your community's involvement in virtual adoption events, their contact information, as well as contact information for the licensed adoption agencies in British Columbia and more.

[Adopt BC Kids](#) is an online portal that allows citizens of BC to complete an adoption application 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We encourage you to take the time to explore this resource and provide it to any community members who are interested in adopting a child in foster care.

On behalf of MCFD, thank you for leading your communities and supporting both those who have opened their homes and hearts and those who might do so in the future. With your help and support, more children and youth will find their forever homes.

Sincerely,

Cory Heavener
Provincial Director of Child Welfare

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Provincial Director of Adoption

Sent on behalf of the Provincial Directors by:

