



May 30, 2023

The Honourable Nathan Cullen, MLA
Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
Room 310, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Sent via email: LWRS.minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Cullen,

The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) is the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) area association representing the interests of local governments and member First Nations in the British Columbia region of Vancouver Island, qathet, the Sunshine Coast, Central Coast and North Coast. After consideration at the AVICC Annual Convention in April 2023, AVICC members endorsed a resolution that may be of interest to your Ministry:

AVICC Regional Resolution R3- Watershed Security Strategy and Fund

The resolution is enclosed for your review and attention. We would welcome your comments on this matter.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact Theresa Dennison, AVICC Executive Coordinator, at 604-270-8226 ext 221 or by email at avicc@ubcm.ca.

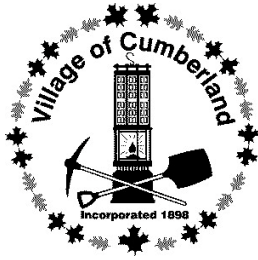
Sincerely,

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Director Penny Cote, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
AVICC President

Enclosure

cc: The Honourable Katrine Conroy, MLA, Minister of Finance
Fin Donnelly, MLA, Parliamentary Secretary for Watershed Restoration



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2023 AVICC Resolution

Watershed Security Strategy and Fund

WHEREAS achieving watershed security on eastern Vancouver Island is made even more complex by the historic land ownership context resulting from the 1884 Settlement Act which saw over 2 million acres of unceded land on south eastern Vancouver Island granted by the crown to private owners, and

WHEREAS the legacy of this historic land grant means that rapidly growing communities on eastern Vancouver Island are responsible for providing safe, sustainable drinking water for our communities from privately owned lands, where active forestry is taking place, and over which we have no authority.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, AVICC request that the Province of BC and the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Management acknowledge this unique context and fund the critical work required to achieve watershed security on eastern Vancouver Island.