



July 30, 2026

The Honourable Kelly Greene, MLA
Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR)
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Sent via email: EMCR.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Greene,

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.

Following consideration at the 2026 AVICC Annual Convention, AVICC members endorsed a resolution sponsored by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District that is pertinent to your Ministry. The resolution and supporting background information are included for your review and consideration:

AVICC Resolution 2026-R39 – CC-130H Hercules Fleet

The resolution recognizes the increasing impacts of severe wildfire seasons on communities, critical infrastructure, Indigenous rights, public safety, and local economies across British Columbia and Canada. It calls on the Province of British Columbia to collaborate with the Government of Canada, First Nations, and the private sector to retrofit a portion of Canada's retired CC-130H Hercules fleet into large air tankers and deploy them as part of a strengthened national wildfire response capacity.

AVICC members believe this made-in-Canada approach would enhance wildfire suppression capacity, strengthen emergency preparedness and resilience, and improve protection for communities facing increasingly frequent and severe wildfire events.

We respectfully request your consideration of this resolution and any information you can provide regarding provincial efforts to strengthen wildfire response capacity through creative solutions-based collaboration with federal and provincial partners.

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Sincerely,



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