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### Re: "Modernizing the Relationship between Local Government and Agriculture" White Paper

At the 2017 UBCM Convention, concerned communities from throughout the Southern Interior gathered to discuss the impact of the *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act* on local government. These conversations led to the creation of a white paper that identified a variety of topics along with the limitations of local government to take action. The white paper was circulated to your organization, via email, on June 7, 2018.

As we prepare for the 2018 UBCM Convention, the District of Coldstream is seeking Ministerial meetings to start the process of addressing the issues and recommendations contained within the white paper. One of the recommendations is the creation of a Provincial Task Force, including local government stakeholders, to discuss the issues, opportunities, ideas and key directions of the white paper. At the June 25, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council, the following resolutions were adopted:

*"THAT the District of Coldstream endorses the following resolution:*

*WHEREAS the Council of [ENTER COMMUNITY] recognizes the importance of the Agricultural sector at the local, provincial and federal level;*

*AND WHEREAS local government is a key component of agriculture planning and protection in BC and that consultation with local governments is an integral aspect of enabling a robust and effective Agricultural sector;*

*AND WHEREAS the Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act needs to be modernized to address current issues facing local governments across the Province;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of [ENTER COMMUNITY] supports the Provincial Government establishing a task force, which will include local government stakeholders, to review the Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act considering the issues identified in the "Modernization of the Farm Practices Protection Act" White Paper.*

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*AND THAT staff be directed to seek letters of support from UBCM Member municipalities who participated in the creation of the "Modernization of the Farm Practices Protection Act" White Paper"*

We are providing this letter in anticipation that your community will endorse the resolution above and provide a letter of support as we move the white paper forward. The support letters will be provided to the Minister during our meeting at the 2018 UBCM Convention.

Should you have any questions, please contact the writer.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Seibel', written in a cursive style.

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