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Union of BC Municipalities,
Local Government Program Services
525 Government Street
Victoria, BC, V8V 0A8

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District's (SLRD) application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund, Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation (Category 2).

The Sea to Sky Natural Resource District works in partnership with the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR), Lil'wat Nation, Pemberton Valley Dyking District (PVDD), the SLRD, Village of Pemberton, Simon Fraser University and Innergex to share information and coordinate support for the development of an early-warning system in Pemberton related to the natural hazards in the Mount Meager Volcanic Complex.

Over the past ten years, Innergex, SFU and the PVDD have been working to improve the monitoring system by increasing the amount of response time for any future natural hazard events, and this funding would help realize that goal. This funding would enable the purchase and installation of critical infra-sound and seismic equipment and monitoring instruments to expand the current monitoring area. This would provide information on the amplitude and approximate area of an event occurrence while also alerting emergency planners in the Pemberton area.

The Sea to Sky Natural Resource District recognizes the significant benefits an early warning system would provide emergency planners, residents, and the public. It would also help protect Provincial resource roads, infrastructure, and tenure holders. We recognize the shared value in this initiative and will continue to work closely with all partners to improve our understanding of natural hazards in this area and promote public safety.

Sincerely,

Scott Shaw-MacLaren
A/District Manager