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Via Email: office@fesbc.ca

Wayne Clogg, Chair
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Dear Wayne Clogg:

I would like to extend appreciation on behalf of Premier Horgan and the Executive Council for your dedication, and that of your board members, in serving the public interest. Crown agencies play a key role in delivering important services that benefit British Columbians in every region of our province.

Government's three priorities remain unchanged: make life more affordable, deliver the services people count on, and build a strong and sustainable economy that supports jobs throughout the province. Across government ministries and in strong partnership with Crown agencies, our emphasis is on raising the standard of living for all British Columbians, delivering quality programs and services that are practical and realistic in a BC context and in our fiscal environment, and judiciously managing affordability pressures—both for citizens and for our business community.

The Forest Enhancement Society of BC (FESBC) contributes to government's priorities by funding projects to rehabilitate ecosystems, reduce wildfire risk and improve wildlife habitat, and support achievement of the province's forest carbon objectives.

Our government has also made important commitments to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, taking action against climate change, and working to ensure that our public service and public sector institutions are representative and inclusive of all our diverse society:

- Government is adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), demonstrating our support for true and lasting reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. All public sector organizations are expected to incorporate the UNDRIP and TRC within their specific mandate and context. Additionally, in May 2018, government released 10 Draft Principles to Guide the Province's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples, which serves as a guide for all public sector organizations as we continue to build relationships with Indigenous communities based on respect and recognition of inherent rights.

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While government has already taken steps towards achieving our legislated carbon reduction targets, much remains to be done. Our new climate strategy will outline significant GHG reduction measures in 2019/20 while supporting our program and service objectives through economic growth powered by clean, renewable energy, supported by technological innovation. Please ensure your organization's operations align with government's new climate plan.

- Over the coming fiscal year, I look forward to working with your leadership team to provide effective, citizen-centred governance, through strong public sector boards that represent the diversity of British Columbia. The Crown Agencies and Board Resourcing Office (CABRO) at the Ministry of Finance provides leadership for the appointment process to fill positions on the boards of Crown agencies. As your board is renewed over time, I encourage you to work with CABRO to actively seek out women, visible minorities, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ individuals, and others who may contribute to diversity to add to the CABRO candidate pool to fill open positions. My expectation is that candidates from all regions of our province will be invited to apply to help renew BC's public sector boards, including individuals with a broad range of backgrounds in community, labour and business environments.
- As the FESBC is incorporated under the *BC Societies Act*, you are encouraged to review your bylaws to ensure that they support this direction.

As the Minister Responsible for FESBC, I expect that you will make substantive progress on the following priorities and incorporate them in the goals, objectives and performance measures included in your Service Plan:

Work with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, First Nations, communities, stakeholders and others to:

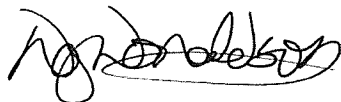
- Identify and fund projects for wildfire recovery, wildfire risk reduction and mitigation activities which are effective and coordinated with other wildfire recovery efforts, such as fuel treatment programs, identifying strategic firebreak locations, engaging in prescribed burns, and supporting other FireSmart principles.
- Contribute to the success of the Provincial Forest Carbon Initiative by identifying and funding activities that are consistent with Federal and Provincial climate change goals and eligible for recovery of funds under the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund.

Each board member is required to sign the Mandate Letter to acknowledge government's direction to your organization. The Mandate Letter is to be posted publicly on your organization's website on Budget Day to coincide with the release of your organization's service plan.

Wayne Clogg, Chair

I look forward to ongoing collaboration with your Board as we work together to deliver improved service and better outcomes for British Columbians.

Sincerely,



Doug Donaldson
Minister

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