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His Worship Mayor Jon Lefebure  
Municipality of North Cowichan  
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His Worship Mayor Phil Kent  
City of Duncan  
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Dear Mayors Lefebure and Kent:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the Province of British Columbia order a spring 2018 public referendum on the amalgamation of the Municipality of North Cowichan and the City of Duncan. I apologize for the delay in responding.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the City of Duncan, the Municipality of North Cowichan and the Citizen's Assembly for the hard work and dedicated effort put into the amalgamation question and for the thoughtful, considered approach taken to establish a recommendation.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing staff will continue to work with Mark Ruttan, Director of Corporate Services / Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, and Talitha Soldera, Director of Finance. I look forward to the reviewing the work at the staff level so we can help you move forward in your request for a spring 2018 referendum on amalgamation.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Selina Robinson  
Minister

pc: Sonia Furstenuau, MLA – Cowichan Valley