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Her Worship Mayor Lisa Helps
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
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Dear Mayor Helps:

Thank you for the productive and thoughtful meeting we had on December 3, 2015. I appreciated the opportunity to speak with you and collectively share our thoughts and interests on governance and service integration in the Capital region. I commend all of the Mayors for a positive discussion, which I believe reflected our shared focus on good value for the region's taxpayers.

In terms of moving forward, after I have had a chance to reflect further on our meeting, I will provide a "Framework for Discussion" that is based on what I heard during our meeting. I anticipate providing you with this Framework early in the new year, and trust you will take the opportunity to provide comments at that time so that we may confirm our shared understanding of next steps soon after. It is my expectation that this shared understanding will inform Provincial considerations in identifying a more specific role for a facilitator in terms of assisting with agreed upon next steps.

Once again, I appreciated the collaborative approach the mayors brought to our meeting. Thank you for your participation, and I look forward to further discussions in the new year.

Sincerely,

Peter Fassbender
Minister