

March 27, 2025

Reference: 185685 X-ref: 276976, 274311

Douglas Holmes Chief Administrative Officer Regional District of Nanaimo 6300 Hammond Bay Rd Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2

Email: <u>DHolmes@rdn.bc.ca</u>

Dear Douglas Holmes,

On March 13, 2024, the Honourable Anne Kang, formerly the Minister of Municipal Affairs, approved a \$45,000 restructure planning grant for the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN).

The purpose of the grant is to fund a boundary study for Electoral Area F. This study will identify a potential boundary that could be the subject of a future municipal incorporation study. Terms of reference for the study have been developed jointly by the RDN and staff of the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs (Ministry).

This letter amends the grant stipulation letter issued on June 21, 2024 (Ref. 274976), which amended the original grant stipulation letter issued on March 13, 2024 (Ref. 274311). It revises the timelines for the completion of stages of the Study and provides information and requirements for the following approved project that comprises the Study, which may be cited in correspondence as follows:

Project	Amount	Commitment No.
Electoral Area F Boundary Study	\$45,000	51RS2406

The grant has been approved under the Restructure Planning Grant Program pursuant to the *Local Government Grants Act* and Regulations. Please cite this Commitment Number in all financial correspondence about the Study.

The following stipulations must be met by the Regional District in order to retain this funding:

- (a) The grant funding must be used solely for the purpose of these projects and for defraying the costs of undertaking, completing, and providing written reports to the Ministry on the Study.
- (b) The grant funding must be used only for reasonable costs and expenses related to the Study that are incurred between the date of this letter, and August 10, 2025.

- (c) The following reports must be submitted to the Ministry program staff by the specified dates:
 - A Progress Report, on or before November 1, 2024, comprised of the consultant's
 proposal accepted as the basis of a contract for the Study and/or a preliminary outline
 of the Study work plan. This item was received on September 5, 2024.
 - A *Draft Final Report*, on or before April 8, 2025, comprised of the technical analysis and public engagement findings.
 - A *Final Report*, on or before July 2, 2025, comprised of a copy of the final report presented to the RDN Board.
 - An Account of Study Expenses, on or before August 10, 2025, comprised of a summary
 of all project expenses and confirmation that either all grant funding has been
 expended or an unused portion of the grant funding that will be returned to the
 provincial government. Unused grant funding should be returned in the form of a
 cheque made payable to the Minister of Finance no later than August 31, 2025.

Your Ministry contact will be Simon Rasmussen, Senior Planning Analyst, Governance and Structure Branch. Simon can be reached at 778-698-3262, or at simon.rasmussen@gov.bc.ca. Please direct all reports and accounting to Simon.

Sincerely,

Patrick Thompson

Director, Governance Structures

pc: Simon Rasmussen, Senior Planning Analyst, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs



June 21, 2024

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On March 13, 2024, the Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs, advised that she has approved a \$45,000 restructure planning grant for the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN).

The purpose of the grant is to fund a boundary study for Electoral Area F (the 'Study'). This study will identify a potential boundary that could be the subject of a future municipal incorporation study. Terms of reference for the Study have been developed jointly by the RDN and staff of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (Ministry).

This letter amends the original grant stipulation letter issued on March 13, 2024. It clarifies the timelines for the completion of stages of the Study and provides information and requirements for the following approved project that comprises the Study, which may be cited in correspondence as follows:

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Flectoral Area F Boundary Study	\$45,000	51RS2406

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