



March 28, 2025

Reference: 184898

City of Kamloops Council
c/o Councillor Beppe
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Dear Council:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 13, 2025, regarding my letter requesting a report from Kamloops City Council on the work that has been done to implement the recommendations of the Municipal Advisor. I appreciate the time and effort that you have put into the information provided.

I recognize that Council continues to experience governance challenges and the impacts (including significant costs) this has had on the City of Kamloops (City) staff, governance, and operations. I also acknowledge the substantive efforts Council has made to implement the recommendations of the Municipal Advisor to address some of the issues, despite a lack of cooperation from the Mayor.

I am pleased to hear that the Council has provided input in response to the Union of BC Municipalities and Local Government Management Association's discussion paper on responsible conduct and welcome receiving your submission directly. This information will support further policy work being undertaken in this area that will inform any future legislative amendments.

I also note that Council has continued to work with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner and WorkSafeBC with respect to these matters and that there may be some limitations with respect to their authorities to intervene. I will take this into consideration as the Ministry moves forward with its work in this area.

As you likely know, legislative amendments take time, and require substantial effort to ensure they effectively address the issues. I recognize the importance of this matter to the City and applaud the Council for the leadership it has shown during this term.

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Thank you again for taking the time to provide Council's response on this matter. I would be pleased to meet with Council to further discuss your work. Please follow-up with my staff at HMA.Minister@gov.bc.ca to find a time that is mutually convenient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ravi Kahlon', with a stylized, flowing script.

Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

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