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Mr. Patrick Nicol
Board Chair
Regional District of North Okanagan
9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream BC V1B 2K9

Dear Mr. Nicol:

Thank you for your letter of October 15, 2013, regarding the North Okanagan Regional District area's connectivity project for rural Lumby. As the Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services, I am responsible for programs that extend high-speed Internet and cellular coverage throughout our province.

I am pleased to learn the meeting with Network BC at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities 2013 Convention went well and that the Cherryville broadband project is progressing. I would also like to congratulate the District for receiving a grant from the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust. At this time, my Ministry has no active programs that could be used to secure additional funding.

By copy of this letter, I am asking Mr. Chris Hauff, Director of Network BC, and his staff to work with the North Okanagan Regional District to help identify other possible funding sources. Network BC can also provide assistance to the District to help identify possible Internet service providers.

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Once again, thank you for contacting me with an update on the Cherryville project and bringing the funding issue to my attention. The North Okanagan Regional District's commitment to expand broadband connectivity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Wilkinson".

Andrew Wilkinson
Minister

pc: Mr. Chris Hauff
Director, Network BC