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His Worship Mayor Bob K. Day
and Council
Town of Lake Cowichan
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Dear Mayor and Council:

I would like to thank you and your colleagues for meeting with me during this year's virtual Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention process to discuss agriculture in the Town of Lake Cowichan. I thank your delegation for its flexibility with provincial appointments again this year, and I am pleased that our governments had the chance to connect by phone.

During our meeting, we discussed the removal of the AB Greenwell School Property from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). As you know the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) is an independent tribunal and it would not be appropriate for myself or the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries to intervene in the situation. That said, during our meeting the ALC noted that they were unaware of this issue prior to UBCM and would be happy to meet with the Town of Lake Cowichan to speak about the site and discuss the Town's municipal infrastructure. Please contact Kim Grout, CEO of the ALC at Kim.Grout@gov.bc.ca to schedule a meeting.

In the meantime, if you have any specific questions for the Ministry, I encourage you to contact Reed Bailey, Land Use Planner, by email at: Reed.Bailey@gov.bc.ca.

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Thank you, again, to your delegation for the meeting and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lana Popham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lana Popham
Minister

cc: Kim Grout, CEO, ALC, Kim.Grout@gov.bc.ca

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