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**Re: Cowichan Internet & Cellular Connectivity Strategy – Invitation to Join Project Introduction Meeting**

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

The Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) is undertaking a project to better understand the state of internet and cell phone connectivity in the region, so that we can create a strategy to meet everyone's needs long into the future. This project is being led by staff from the CVRD's Economic Development Division (Economic Development Cowichan or EDC), and a consultant, IBI Group, has been hired to augment the work.

EDC is organizing a group project introduction meeting for municipal leaders in the region. We invite you and relevant staff to attend and participate in this meeting, where we will present the project overview and timeline, and IBI will present the findings from their investigation of the current state of internet and cellular connectivity in the Cowichan Valley. We hope to discuss how your municipality can help inform and guide the project moving forward, and answer any questions you may have.

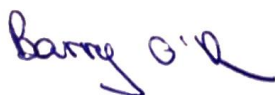
The meeting will be held virtually. We would like to gauge availability for two dates, and then we will choose the date that works best for most attendees. If you would like to attend the meeting, then please let us know by April 29 who will be in attendance and their availability on the following dates:

- Thursday, May 12 at 10am
- Tuesday, May 17 at 10am

If neither date works but you would still like to share the needs of your municipality, then please contact Brittany Taylor ([brittany.taylor@cvr.bc.ca](mailto:brittany.taylor@cvr.bc.ca), 250-510-0958) to set up a separate meeting.

We look forward to engaging with you on this important topic. Please do not hesitate to follow up with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barry O'R".

Barry O'Riordan, Manager  
Economic Development Cowichan

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