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Lara Beckett  
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Dear Lara Beckett:

Thank you for meeting with the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention on September 18, 2024. The UBCM Convention provides a great opportunity to discuss issues of significance to your community.

We discussed funding and options for Bear Lake following the Canfor Polar Mill closure. During the conversation, I committed to further engage with the Ministry of Forests on options to mitigate the economic and community impact for the Canfor Polar Mill closure, as well as urging the Ministry of Forests to collaborate with you on bridge closures during peak tourism season.

Ministry staff are available to help with economic development initiatives. The Regional Manager for your area is Dave Christie who can be reached by email at: [Dave.Christie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Dave.Christie@gov.bc.ca) or by telephone at: 250 649-7801.

Thank you again for meeting. I appreciate your dedication and commitment to help grow British Columbia's economy.

Sincerely,

Fazil Mihlar  
Deputy Minister

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