



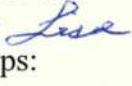
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VICTORIA, B.C.

Her Worship Lisa Helps  
Mayor of the City of Victoria  
City Hall  
1 Centennial Square  
Victoria BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor  Helps:

Your January 4, 2018 letter, addressed to the Honourable David Eby, Attorney General, in which you express support for modernizing the *Motor Vehicle Act (MVA)*, has been referred to me.

One of the provincial government's primary objectives is to promote a high level of safety for all road users on British Columbia's roads and highways. This is especially important for vulnerable road users of all ages, whether they are walking or cycling.

In British Columbia, we are constantly looking at new safety solutions that reflect the way roads are being used today. This includes potential legislative, regulatory and policy improvements; I can assure you that the advocacy, commitment and collaboration we have with our road safety partners is essential to this work. Ministry staff are currently reviewing suggestions for improving safety for all road users in British Columbia, including recommendations for changes or updates to the *MVA*, that have been submitted by road safety advocates such as the Road Safety Law Reform Group of British Columbia. As I am sure you can appreciate, considerable research and analysis is required, including cross-jurisdictional scans and consultations with an extensive range of stakeholder groups.

One of the ways in which we are working together with our stakeholders is through the BC Road Safety Strategy, which consists of five working groups made up of road safety partners from across the province who come together to explore and collaborate on ways we can make our roads safer in BC. One of the guiding principles of the BC Road Safety Strategy is the Safe System Approach, which considers all elements of the road system, road users, vehicles, roadways and travel speeds in addressing road safety issues. Most recently, as part of the strategy, RoadSafetyBC released the BC Community Road Safety Toolkit to provide information for local governments on proven road safety best practices, including those that can improve safety for vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians.

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For more information, please see the following website:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/road-safety-rules-and-consequences/publications-legislation-and-data/bc-community-road-safety-toolkit>.

I appreciate your special interest in this matter.

Sincerely,



Mike Farnworth  
Minister of Public Safety  
and Solicitor General

pc: The Honourable David Eby, QC  
The Honourable Claire Trevena