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Her Worship Lisa Helps
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Dear Madam Mayor:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 5, 2019, and your kind words of congratulations on my recent appointment as Minister of Northern Affairs. I would also like to thank you for including a copy of the City of Victoria's 2019–2022 Strategic Plan.

It is with great pleasure that I assume this important responsibility. I am honoured to have been entrusted by the Prime Minister with a mandate to work in collaboration with Indigenous partners, communities, and governments to create more economic opportunity and a higher quality of life in the North of Canada ensuring a future where Northern and Arctic people are thriving, strong, and safe.

I will be working to strengthen the Government of Canada's relationship with all levels of government and advancing policy and program options that support Northerners. I look forward to working with our partners and all Canadians in dealing with and responding to the fundamental issues faced by all Northerners while supporting self-determination, improving service delivery, and advancing reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Again, thank you for your kind words.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Vandal'.

Hon. Daniel Vandal, P.C., M.P.