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

Dear Mayor Helps,

Re: Motor Vehicle Act and Protected Bike Lanes

Premier John Horgan has asked me to respond on his behalf to your letter of November 29, 2017, requesting the provincial government consider changing the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) to allow the use of personal mobility devices such as wheelchairs or scooters in protected bike lanes.

Personal mobility devices such as motorized scooters are becoming more popular in British Columbia, and we want to ensure they are operated safely and effectively and meet the needs of users. To this end, the Province plans to review the MVA with a view towards establishing a regulatory framework to provide for the safe use of personal mobility devices on roadways and sidewalks. I expect that as part of this process, ministry staff will reach out to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to help arrange consultations with local governments.

In the meantime, I have shared your correspondence with my colleagues, the Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, and the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, for their information.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Trevena

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Honourable Mike Farnworth

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