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

Reference: 251209

Dave Cowen, Chair  
Tourism Victoria  
737 Yates Street, Suite 200  
Victoria BC V8W 1L6

Dear Mayor Helps and Chair Cowen:

**Re: Belleville Terminal Project**

Thank you for your letter regarding Phase Two of the Belleville Terminal Project. Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this reply.

I am glad to hear of the relationship between the City of Victoria and Tourism Victoria being renewed in such a positive manner, and I commend both the City and Tourism Victoria for taking the initiative to aid in the successful future of the Belleville Terminal.

The ministry recognizes the importance of the Belleville Terminal to the economy of the City of Victoria and to the Province, as well as its status as a vital gateway to the city, Vancouver Island, and the United States. That is why the ministry has prioritized the redevelopment of the terminal, and ministry staff have been working diligently with our stakeholders and the ferry operators to facilitate the three phases of the project. I know your respective organizations have also given a great deal of time and effort to this project, and I appreciate your contributions toward the revitalization of this historic and culturally significant location.

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You can be sure the Province will continue to advance this project with all stakeholders. The delegation to Ottawa made a significant impact in bringing federal attention to Phase 3 of the Belleville strategy. I look forward to working with you and our other stakeholders in advancing this as a priority for federal funding.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Todd Stone', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Todd G. Stone  
Minister

Copy to: Honourable Shirley Bond  
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