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Mr. Brad Sperling
Chair
Peace River Regional District

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Dear Mr. Sperling:

Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, has forwarded a copy of your March 15, 2019 letter to me for response. Thank you for taking the time to write.

The investigation being completed by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources is limited to the jurisdiction of the Ministry, specifically to the *Mines Act* permitted site. The scope of the investigation includes determining the extent, if any, that the mining activity contributed to the landslide, reviewing the permitting process, reviewing the compliance history of the site and evaluating if there may be other sites in the Province that should be reviewed for similar conditions.

The investigation is nearing completion, and the PRRD will be informed once the report is finalized.

Once again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Mungall". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michelle Mungall
Minister

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PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

March 15, 2019

Honorable Mike Farnworth
 Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General
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Dear Minister Farnworth,

RE: Request for details of the scope of the investigation of the Old Fort landslide

Thank you for the February 6, 2019 letter regarding the Old Fort landslide.

On February 28, 2019 the Regional Board discussed your response and as a follow-up is requesting that the Peace River Regional District be provided with information on the scope of the investigation of the landslide being conducted by the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Petroleum Resources.

Further, in response to the last line of your letter which states, "I appreciate being made aware of your concerns and your ongoing management of this situation," the Regional Board would like to reiterate that the Peace River Regional District is not engaged in "ongoing management of the situation." The Regional Board's position is that the slide originated on Crown land and investigation, monitoring, and any mitigation efforts should not be the responsibility of local government.

We look forward to hearing back from your office regarding our request. For questions please contact Shawn Dahlen, CAO, at 250 784-3208 or shawn.dahlen@prrd.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

Brad Sperling
 Chair

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