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VIA EMAIL: utilities@sspoa.ca

Mike Waberski, Chair
Utility Services Committee
Silver Star Property Owners Association
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Dear Mike Waberski:

Thank you for your letter dated September 9, 2019, to Minister Donaldson regarding oversight of unregulated sewer monopolies in British Columbia. I have been asked to respond on his behalf.

I apologize for the delay; we have needed additional time to respond. Since receiving your letter, we have had several more internal discussions to help determine a path forward regarding your request.

I am pleased to let you know that, through the Mountain Resorts Branch of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, the Province will fund an independent study to review the sewer rates being charged by SilverHawk to inform potential next steps. The study, which is anticipated to be completed by the end of this year, will consider but will not be limited to, rate determination guidelines used by the Water Utilities Regulation Section of the Water Management Branch when it evaluates and sets rates for private water utilities that provide potable water.

Thank you again for your letter, and we hope this study will provide a path to resolve the rate issues Silver Star Property Owners Association face.

Yours truly,

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David Muter

A/Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource Stewardship Division

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Matt Austin

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