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March 22, 2010

The Honourable Barry Penner Minister of the Environment for British Columbia P.O. Box 9047, Station Provincial Government Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Honourable Penner:

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RE: BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL WATER ACT REVIEW

Council, at their regular meeting on January 11, 2010, received correspondence from British Columbia Ministry of Environment regarding the upcoming review (Water Act Modernization) that will introduce proposed amendments to the Water Act. It was noted that the current Water Act does not address issues such as privatization and ownership of water rights. Therefore, the following motion was adopted:

"THAT Council directs staff to write the Provincial Government to inform them that water rights (privatization and ownership of water) are of great concern to the City of White Rock as these issues are not addressed in Provincial Water Act."

A further motion was adopted as follows:

"THAT Council directs staff to prepare a report detailing the impact that the Water Act legislation would have on the City of White Rock."

Once Council receives the requested staff report there may be further correspondence from the City of White Rock. At this time we thank you for the information and appreciate being kept informed on this issue. MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

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If you have any questions you may contact the undersigned at 604-541-2212.

Yours truly,

Tracey Arthur, CMC City Clerk