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Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President
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Dear Grand Chief Phillip:

I am writing to invite your consideration and input on pending provincial legislation related to allowing electronic meetings of societies, companies, cooperative associations and credit unions as well as other housekeeping matters relating to the *Societies Act* and the *Business Corporations Act*. This legislation is proposed to be introduced later this year.

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to provide that societies, companies, cooperative associations and credit unions may hold fully electronic meetings unless bylaws, articles, or rules provide otherwise and to establish requirements relating to meetings that are electronic or partly electronic. This enhanced clarity relating to electronic meetings comes at a time when corporate entities have grown accustomed to using this format as permitted by Ministerial Orders issued last year.

Please advise us if you or your officials or members of your community would like to provide comments or discuss the contemplated legislative amendments. If so, please contact Rachel Franklin, Executive Director of the Financial and Corporate Sector Policy Branch, at Rachel.Franklin@gov.bc.ca. We would be happy to meet to discuss in more detail.

Sincerely,

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