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His Worship  
Mayor Rob Vagramov  
City of Port Moody  
100 Newport Drive  
Port Moody BC V3H 3E1

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Dear Mayor Vagramov,

**Re: Ride-hailing**

Thank you for your letter of September 23, 2019, regarding the City of Port Moody's resolution about ride-hailing services. I appreciated the opportunity to review your thoughts on this matter.

Several companies have now applied to offer ride-hailing services in B.C., and we are looking forward to this new service becoming available to British Columbians. We anticipate that the public will be able to hail a ride with an app by the end of the year.

As you likely know, decisions about boundaries, fleet sizes and rates for taxis and ride-hailing are made exclusively by the independent Passenger Transportation Board. I know the Board is committed to keeping B.C.'s passenger transportation industry diverse, stable and competitive. Following consultations with the taxi and ride-hailing industries this summer, the Board decided not to initially restrict ride-hail company fleet sizes.

I have written to Board Chair Catharine Read to express my view that the Board should consider the impact its decisions have on the taxi industry and traffic congestion on our roads. The Board has indicated it will monitor ride hailing performance data and may review fleet sizes when the data is available. This data will also allow B.C. to address issues such as congestion, safety and greenhouse gas emissions that some jurisdictions have experienced following a sudden surge in the number of ride-hailing vehicles on the road. I have ensured Chair Read is aware of your comments regarding seamless data sharing amongst municipalities.

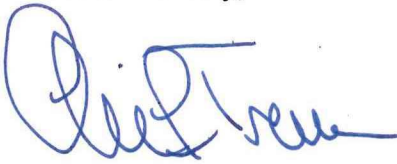
I have confidence that the Board understands its mandate to make passenger transportation decisions in the public interest. We are committed to continuing to work with ride-hailing applicants, the taxi industry and municipal governments to achieve the best possible outcome for all concerned within the transportation network services framework.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Steven Haywood, the ministry's Executive Lead for Taxi Modernization and Ride-Hailing. He may be reached at 604 220-7176 or by email at [Steven.Haywood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Steven.Haywood@gov.bc.ca) and would be pleased to hear from you.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,



Claire Trevena  
Minister

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