

March 30, 2026

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Sent via email: minister-ministre@inf.gc.ca

Subject: BCAC Follow-up from March 23, 2026 Meeting

Dear Minister Robertson,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me in Ottawa on March 23, together with Hon. Lana Popham, British Columbia's Minister of Agriculture and Food.

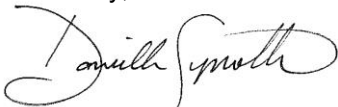
On behalf of BC Agriculture Council (BCAC), I am writing to follow-up with you on that discussion. Specifically, if I understand correctly, the Government of Canada intends to launch a new fund in the near future that supports community infrastructure improvements by amalgamating the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) and others. I am hoping you can confirm that proposals which were not accepted in the last DMAF intake, such as the City of Abbotsford's proposed Long-Term Flood Mitigation Plan, would meet the eligibility criteria for this new fund.

The Fraser Valley features some of the most productive farmland in Canada, playing a critical role in the food security of communities throughout British Columbia and beyond. Areas that remain vulnerable to flooding also include transport infrastructure vital to Canada's international trade, including the final stretches of Highway 1 to the Port of Vancouver. Due to this national significance, and as shared with you in our meeting, BCAC and the Dairy Farmers of Canada jointly proposed a resolution at the recent annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA), calling for the recapitalization of DMAF and the prioritization of the City of Abbotsford's proposal in the next intake. That resolution was adopted with unanimous approval from the CFA membership, which consists of general farm organizations from all 10 provinces and one territory as well as 15 national commodity groups.

BCAC is the unified voice of our province's agriculture industry, representing over 20,000 farm families and 96% of farm gate sales in B.C. We work to advance policies that support a strong and competitive agriculture sector across B.C. In case of any questions or a need for clarification regarding this request for information, your office can contact me via email at dsynotte@bcac.ca or via telephone at 604-854-4454.

Thank you once again for taking the time to meet and for your commitment to ensuring the infrastructure needs of Abbotsford and other British Columbian communities are met. I look forward to our next opportunity to connect.

Sincerely,



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