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~~Ms. Gerry Giles
Chair
Cowichan Valley Regional District
175 Ingram Street
Duncan, BC V9L 1N8~~

Dear Chair Giles:

Thank you for your letter of December 17, 2010, regarding your resolution to participate in the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development's (Ministry) regional district land use bylaw exemption initiative.

I am pleased to accept your regional district's offer to participate in this trial project. Enclosed is a copy of the ministerial order that exempts your regional district for two years from the requirement for ministerial approval for official community plan bylaws and for four other types of land use management bylaws. Ministry staff will contact staff from the Cowichan Valley Regional District to discuss implementation of this initiative.

I appreciate that your regional district has volunteered to participate in this trial project.

Sincerely,

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SIGNED BY**

Stephanie Cadieux
Minister

Enclosure

pc: ✓ Mr. Mike Tippett
Manager
Community and Regional Planning
Cowichan Valley Regional District