Section 2 Council Correspondence 2019.08.15

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July 25, 2019

His Worship Mayor Mike Hurley and Councillors City of Burnaby

Email: mayor@burnaby.ca

Dear Mayor Hurley and Council:

Thank you for your letter of June 25, 2019, sharing your support for the creation of a national park reserve in the South Okanagan-Similkameen.

On July 2, 2019, I was very pleased to sign the i? sc axwtət Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Canada, British Columbia and the syilx/Okanagan Nation. This represents a significant step towards the formal establishment of the proposed South Okanagan-Similkameen National Park Reserve. The MOU confirms the working boundary for the proposed national park reserve, outlines next steps, and provides a framework of collaboration as negotiations begin for an establishment agreement.

Thank you again for writing and sharing your strong message of support for the establishment of a national park reserve to protect this iconic natural and cultural landscape for future generations.

Sincerely,

George Heyman

Minister

[Provincial] Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Referred to:

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