



October 27, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Local Channel Dredging in the Lower Fraser River

As elected leaders of our respective communities, we wrote to the Prime Minister and Premier earlier this year to request collaborative action to resolve the long-standing problem of Fraser River sediment that is accumulating and blocking important local waterways. We recognize Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's commitment to continue to work with us along with the other government agencies and stakeholders towards a long-term sustainable dredging program.

We very much appreciate the recent announcement of \$1 million in funding from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority for local Delta channel dredging in the coming year. However, we are hopeful this contribution will be a catalyst for discussions with all parties towards the development of a comprehensive, funded, long-term plan for maintaining the local channels of the lower Fraser River. This is critical to mitigate the economic, social and environmental impacts that will occur in all our communities if further action is not taken.

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We look forward to further collaboration with you as we work towards this collective goal.

Yours truly,



Mayor George V. Harvie
City of Delta



Mayor Malcolm D. Brodie
City of Richmond



Chief Ken Baird
Tsawwassen First Nation



Chief Wayne Sparrow
Musqueam Indian Band

cc: The Hon. Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion
The Hon. Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, MLA for North Delta
Robin Silvester, President and Chief Executive Officer, VFPA