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Dear Mayor Mussatto, Mayor Walton and Mayor Goldsmith-Jones:

Thank you for your letter regarding funding for the National Maritime Centre (NMC). As you know, the Provincial Government views this as a very desirable project as was evidenced by the announcement of our support in two speeches from the Throne.

This has been a very difficult time for the provincial economy. In November, the Minister of Finance issued the Second Quarter Report showing that although British Columbia's economy is beginning to show signs of improvement, the global economic downturn continues to have a negative impact and British Columbia continues to face fiscal challenges. It is within this context that Government has completed its due diligence in reviewing the business case for the NMC.

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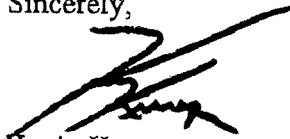
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Despite our best efforts to identify innovative ways to provide funding support, it has been determined that in the current economic climate, the magnitude of the funding requested is far in excess of an amount that could be accommodated within the provincial budget, now or in the foreseeable future. I truly regret that the Provincial Government is unable to support this project, and hope that other means will be found to fund this project.

It is our understanding that a significant amount of the \$9 million grant received in May 2008 by the City of North Vancouver for planning and project initiation has not yet been spent. If the absence of provincial funding means that the project will not proceed, it is hoped that the balance of previous provincial funding will be dedicated towards purposes consistent with the spirit of the original grant, such as, the preservation of British Columbia's maritime heritage or other arts and culture initiatives.

Again, thank you for writing. I know this is disappointing to you and to all those involved in preparing the business case.

Sincerely,



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