

December 9, 2019

Lisa Lapointe  
Chief Coroner  
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Dear Lisa Lapointe:

Thank you for your correspondence dated November 12, 2019, regarding the BC Coroners Service Child Death Review Panel Report and Recommendations and report, entitled *Sleeping Safely: A BC Coroners Service Death Review Panel report examining deaths among infants (2013-2018)*.

Recommendation number 3 was in part directed to the Office of the Chief Coroner, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. Specifically, the recommendation calls for the BC Coroners Service (BCCS) in collaboration with relevant partners to determine the need for amendments to the BCCS infant death investigative protocol.

I am aware that the BCCS continues to review all infant deaths within the province of British Columbia as part of its legislated mandate through the Child Death Review Unit. Furthermore, the BCCS supports regional health authorities and the First Nations Health Authority, through their regional infant mortality review committees, by providing infant death investigation findings to further support regional infant death preventative efforts.

I am also aware that, in working with the regional health authorities and their multi-stakeholder infant mortality review committees, the BCCS will undertake a review of its current infant death investigative protocol by November 30, 2020, to ensure the most relevant and actionable information is captured through death investigations in order to support safety and preventative actions.

I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Farnworth", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Farnworth  
Minister of Public Safety  
and Solicitor General

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