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Dear CAOs:

We hope you and your Mayors and Chairs were able to join today’s regional calls hosted by Minister Robinson, which focused on further discussing British Columbia’s ‘Restart Plan’ to transition into the next stage of our COVID response. It was incredibly helpful to hear about the top concerns facing each community as we move into this next phase, and we will incorporate the feedback from today’s calls into how we support Local Governments through the weeks and months ahead.

Attached for your reference are a series of materials that supported yesterday’s announcement by the Premier, and which we expect will be very useful for you as you begin developing transition plans for each of your communities. Please note that the next phase is intended to begin following the May long weekend, and that the next two weeks will be focused on preparing for that next step. Please also note that the next phase will include a rolling approach to opening back up the economy and society – i.e. not everything will open or launch on May 19th.

Municipal Affairs and Housing will serve as your key liaison into Provincial government to coordinate Local Government transitions and to address questions and connect you with resources as they become available. We will also host a series of CAO roundtables next week to discuss how we plan to help coordinate transition planning, to solicit feedback on the approach and additional support you may need, and to address outstanding questions.

I hope these materials are helpful to you and I look forward to connecting with you next week.

Best,
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