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Sent via email: [mayor@smithers.ca](mailto:mayor@smithers.ca)

Dear Gladys Atrill:

Thank you for your letter of January 12, 2026, regarding resolutions adopted at the North Central Local Government Association's (NCLGA) 2025 Annual General Meeting.

Please allow me to begin by acknowledging your concerns about staffing and funding of the BC Conservation Officer Service (BCCOS).

The provincial government recognizes the BCCOS is a critical component of the Natural Resource Sector, protecting the public and our natural resources through law enforcement operations, investigations and responses to human-wildlife conflict.

The BCCOS is an essential service, and we will continue to prioritize funding to ensure the safety of British Columbians and the protection of our environment, fish and wildlife.

Public safety calls for service, such as dangerous wildlife or dangerous hunting practices, are their highest priority. To address priority calls in communities, additional resources are brought in from other areas as necessary.

The BCCOS uses deployment guidelines to ensure its operational mission and mandate to provide public safety and environmental enforcement is delivered, while mitigating negative impacts to the communities they serve.

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Officers will continue to work collaboratively with and engage communities, organizations and businesses on public education, outreach and a shared desire to ensure our natural resources are protected for future generations. We look forward to continuing this work with associations like the NCLGA and welcome the opportunity for further discussion.

For more information, please contact Chief Conservation Officer Cam Schley, B.C. Conservation Officer Service, at [Cameron.Schley@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cameron.Schley@gov.bc.ca).

With regards to your query about balanced emissions policies, this topic is the responsibility of the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions. I have shared a copy of your letter with my colleague Minister Adrian Dix for his review and consideration.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I hope you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tamara Dix". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tamara Davidson  
Minister of Environment and Parks

cc: Honourable Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions  
Cam Schley, Chief Conservation Officer, B.C. Conservation Officer Service  
Sandra Moore, Board and Committee Support, North Central Local  
Government Association