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Dear Warden Hunter:

Thank you for your letter of August 27, 2015 addressed to myself and Minister Churchill with respect to the land registry. I was pleased to be able to meet with you on this matter on September 3, 2015.

We certainly appreciate the important relationship between the land registry, municipalities and PVSC and in particular the importance of the free and efficient exchange of data among them. From the very beginning of our deliberations respecting alternative service delivery it has been considered a fundamental pre-condition that this data exchange continue to be free and uninterrupted. This will be reflected in any future requirements, should the Province decided to pursue a partnership arrangement for the delivery of land services. We are well aware of the importance of this issue and the criticality of this data flow.

As discussed at our meeting, we could not consider entering into a partnership with PVSC of the sort which is anticipated under our ASD explorations with respect to the land registry without going through the required procurement process. PVSC is, however, encouraged to participate in that process. If PVSC is considering participating as a potential vendor it would not be appropriate for a meeting on this subject to take place at this time as it could give rise to a perceived preference.

Thank you again for your interest in this matter.

Yours truly,

Mark Purey

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