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Dear Jonathan Mara:

Thank you for your correspondence of March 27, 2025, regarding development approval delays for the Minato Bay Rental Housing Development project in the District of Ucluelet (Ucluelet).

I appreciate your efforts to increase the supply of much-needed rental and family housing in Ucluelet and reiterate my support for this project. The District of Ucluelet's Housing Needs Report indicates that 794 new units will be needed by 2045. The 212 units proposed in your development would go a long way toward addressing that need.

While I cannot comment specifically on Ucluelet's development requirements and approvals process, given the current housing crisis, I expect every local government to prioritize housing approvals, particularly rental and affordable housing. We continue to monitor local government housing approvals across the Province and may act if development approvals are deterring much needed housing.

I am copying Mayor Marilyn McEwen and Council as well as Interim Chief Administrative Officer Richard Harding to ensure they are aware of my continued support and the Province's expectations of local governments.

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Sincerely,

Ravi Kahlon  
Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs

CC: The Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Health  
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