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Mr. Greg Moore  
Chair  
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Dear Mr. Moore:

As you know, the Minister who has administration of the *Gaming Control Act* (the Act) is authorized by Section 7(1)(j) of the Act to require the lottery corporation to do certain things, and the lottery corporation is required to do those things.

On March 16, 2020, the Attorney General directed the British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC) to implement the closure of all gaming facilities in the province. On January 11, 2021 as the Minister now responsible for the administration of the Act, I modified that direction such that it no longer applied to permanent bingo facilities and commercial bingo games presented at community gaming centres, to provide an approach consistent with the operation of charitable bingo events in the province.

As you are likely aware, BC's Restart plan was announced on May 26, 2021 and contemplates the re-opening of casinos in step 3 of the plan, on July 1, 2021 at the earliest, assuming that the Provincial Health Officer determines that doing so is warranted in light of then-current conditions. Further to that, I am modifying the direction provided on March 16, 2020 and on January 11, 2021. In accordance with BC's Restart Plan, when the Provincial Health Officer determines that it is safe to do so, and amends any applicable existing orders accordingly, gaming facilities may reopen. However, all gaming facilities must operate in accordance with all requirements set by the PHO and WorkSafeBC.

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Please advise me if you have any questions in relation to this direction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Farnworth". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mike Farnworth  
Minister of Public Safety  
and Solicitor General

pc: The Honourable Selina Robinson  
Sam MacLeod