



JAN 05 2007

His Worship Malcolm Brodie
Mayor of the City of Richmond
6911 No. 3 Rd
Richmond BC V6Y 2C1

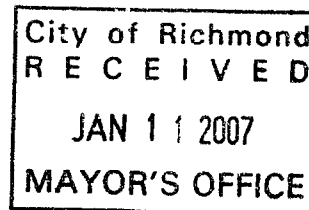
Malcolm
Dear Mayor Brodie:

I am writing in follow-up to our meeting on October 24, 2006, at the annual convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). I appreciate the time your Councillors took to meet to discuss health service issues of interest to the residents of Richmond. I apologize for the delayed response.

During our meeting, I was very pleased to hear of the health and wellness initiatives within your community. It will be useful to explore further opportunities to fund community-based physical activity programs that will achieve long-term sustainable results by targeting high need populations within the City of Richmond.

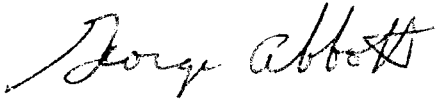
As you know, ActNow BC is the Province's partnership-based health promotion initiative to encourage British Columbians to improve their health and fitness and quality of life by being more active, eating healthy foods, living tobacco-free and making healthy choices in pregnancy. The goals of ActNow BC are to make BC the leader in North America in healthy living and physical fitness and the healthiest jurisdiction to ever host the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Local governments play an important role in ensuring the success of ActNow BC by creating an environment that helps people make healthy choices in all areas of their lives. Local governments and community leaders are encouraged to become ActNow BC Champions, to lead their communities in the development of environments that promote healthy lifestyle choices. The ActNow BC Communities Guide is a toolkit and resource for community leaders to use as they develop their plans for aligning their communities with ActNow BC. The toolkit is available on the ActNow BC website at: www.actnowbc.gov.bc.ca. I encourage you to visit the website for further information.



Thank you for the opportunity to meet at UBCM. I value your leadership in promoting the value of recreational activity and your advocacy on behalf of the residents of Richmond.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Abbott". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

George Abbott
Minister

pc: Honourable Olga Ilich, MLA, Richmond Centre
Ms. Ida Goodreau, Chief Executive Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
Ms. Effie Henry, Executive Director, Health Authority Branch