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**VIA EMAIL: [AVED.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:AVED.Minister@gov.bc.ca)**

The Honourable Melanie Mark  
Ministry of Advanced Education,  
Skills and Training  
PO Box 9080 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister:

**Re: Letter of Support – Film Studio in the CRD**

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Saanich Council at their meeting of March 9, 2020 resolved as follows:

“That Saanich support, in principal, the establishment of a film studio in the Capital Regional District (CRD) as the greater Victoria area would greatly benefit from the economic advantage of a film studio”.

The CRD has many unique and diverse locations but require this type of infrastructure to provide for medium to large productions. Companies are demanding studio space and recent changes in the industry, specifically with the popularity of streaming, have made the need for studios ever more apparent. Greater Victoria has the unique opportunity of being able to provide lifestyle and climate for year-round filming opportunities.

We hope that you will recognize the exceptional opportunity that will only continue to expand if an approval of a film studio was endorsed in the Capital Regional District.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide this letter of support and if there are any further comments or questions I can be reached at 250.475.5510.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Haynes". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Fred Haynes  
Mayor

c. Saanich Council