December 10th, 2020

Hon. Ravi Kahlon, Minister for Jobs, Economic Recovery & Innovation
Room 301 - 501 Belleville Street
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Re: Congratulations on Re-Election

Dear Ravi,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, members, and staff team at the Delta Chamber of Commerce, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment to the role of Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation.

At the Chamber we recognize that Delta is uniquely situated at the nexus of the international border with the United States for cross-border transport, Deltaport for international shipping, and on high quality agricultural land for food production. Tens of thousands of excellent jobs – many in the skilled trades and technology sector – are based here in Delta. These jobs represent numerous essential service industries and offer the opportunity for immediate training to re-skill workers (many of whom are frequently women, Indigenous, or racialized individuals who are under-represented in the sector) to fill needed positions and to provide employment for those whose industries may not recover in a timely or fulsome manner.

In addition to the existing opportunities Delta offers for jobs and re-training/re-skilling in the Trades & Technology sector, there is also significant opportunity to facilitate partnerships between Agriculture, Industry, and Academia in the development of innovative local Agritech start-ups. As you know, and have been advocating for some time now, Delta is uniquely positioned to be a leader in this developing field, and with the effects of COVID-19 on our supply chain, local food production and food security have never been more top-of-mind.

We look forward to working with you over the next four years to pursue opportunities that will bring sustainable growth and prosperity to Delta and across British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Anderson
Chair of the Board
Delta Chamber of Commerce

cc: Board of Directors, Delta Chamber of Commerce

Garry Shearer, Executive Director, Delta Chamber of Commerce