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MEMBER RELEASE

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ATTENTION: MAYORS AND COUNCILS; CHAIRS AND REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARDS

Trust Fund Established for Sparwood Avalanche Victims

Dear Colleagues:

Many of you will be aware of the recent deaths of eight snowmobilers near the District of Sparwood. The 2000 people who attended the memorial service yesterday are an indication of how significant the loss of these lives is to the community and to our province.

I have written on behalf of the communities represented by UBCM to Mayor Wilks, expressing our deepest sorrow for the loss of life suffered by Sparwood and wishing strength to the Council and other leaders in the community as they support and care for the survivors.

Mayor Wilks responded by saying,

"Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers at this tragic time. The citizens of Sparwood and especially the families of the victims are very appreciative. If you are able to, please extend our gratitude to all members of UBCM for their concern."

You can make a tangible response to this tragedy by **tabling this letter at your Council or Board** and publicizing to your citizens the following information on the trust funds established to help the families of those who died.

"In Trust – Sparwood Avalanche Victims"

Donations may be made into accounts listed below at the local branches of the following banks:

Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)
Transit: 5080
Branch: 003
Account: 5077425

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC)
Transit: 03070
Branch: 010
Account: 7573138

Those who wish to donate by cheque may do so by making it payable to:

"In Trust – Sparwood Avalanche Victims", and mailing to:

District of Sparwood
P.O. Box 520
Sparwood, BC V0B 2G0

The relationship that binds us together as local governments in BC takes many forms, including support in times of need. I thank you in advance for your attention to our fellow community of Sparwood as it responds to this great loss.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Hobson, President