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VIA EMAIL kerry.morris1249@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Morris,

Thank you for your letter dated July 3, 2015. The mandate of the Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia includes examining whether the government of B.C. and its organizations are operating economically, efficiently and effectively. I note that your letter to us referred to the *Ombudsperson Act*, whereas our mandate comes from the *Auditor General Act*. Regardless, we are happy to receive information that may indicate fraud, waste or abuse is occurring or may occur in any organizations that are within the control of the Province of B.C.

Your letter indicates that the Chief Administrative Officer for the City of North Vancouver (CNV) made a public statement that the CNV did not suffer any loss to the water system. You also indicate that Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCHA) may therefore have erroneously paid amounts to the CNV. You are requesting that the Auditor General investigate this matter in order to make a determination if a loss was suffered by the CNV of \$692,000.

As a result of the information you provided, we made certain inquiries to, and received responses from, VCHA. The information provided to us indicates that, based on VCHA's estimates of historical and current water consumption, the \$357,000 paid by VCHA to CNV was a fair and reasonable amount for the water supplied. Our mandate does not extend to determining whether the CNV suffered a loss of \$692,000, nor whether statements made by officials of the CNV are accurate. Accordingly, we will not be looking into this matter further at this time. If you believe that the stewardship of public assets, or the achievement of "value for money" in CNV operations, is still in question, you may wish to contact the Auditor General for Local Government through their website at: www.aglg.ca or call (604) 930-7100.

You may be interested in reading the [Performance Audit Coverage Plan](#) that our Office released on July 21, 2015. You can also stay up to date on the projects we are currently working on by visiting our [Work in Progress](#) page.

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Thank you again for contacting us. We value your input.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Gilhooly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" and last name "Gilhooly" clearly distinguishable.

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