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Her Worship Dianne Watts
Mayor of the City of Surrey
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Dear Mayor Watts:

I am responding to your July 10, 2013 letter regarding the enforcement of the *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act*.

I am aware of the issues recently raised by Surrey's community of manufactured home owners, and I share your concern about the difficulties experienced by the residents of the King George Trailer Park.

The *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act* requires a landlord to maintain a manufactured home park in a reasonable state of repair that meets housing, health and safety standards required by law. Local governments are empowered to establish standards of maintenance – the standards required by law that the *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act* refers to – which are enforced through the local government's bylaw procedures.

As you know, the Residential Tenancy Branch provides a dispute resolution service for landlords and tenants when one party believes the other has not lived up to their responsibilities under the Act. I understand that the tenants of the King George Park were successful in obtaining an order that the landlord conduct any necessary repairs to the park's water system.

When a landlord has not conducted appropriate repairs or has restricted tenants' access to services, tenants may apply through the Residential Tenancy Branch for a reduction in rent.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Rich Coleman
Minister Responsible for Housing
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