

June 23, 2016 Ref: 516610

Ms. Andrea Goertz
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Dear Ms. Goertz:

I am writing to follow-up on our previous communications at this time last year regarding the issue of metal theft enforcement in British Columbia. I would like to assure you that the effective regulation of metal recycling and the prevention of metal theft continue to be a priority for the Policing and Security Branch.

I am advised that since we last met, the Metal Theft Consultative Committee—co-chaired by Ms. Kim Logan, Director of Government Relations for BC, TELUS and Ms. Sandra Sajko, Executive Director, Security Programs Division, Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General—has been meeting on a regular basis to discuss best practices and explore new and collaborative ways to prevent metal theft. As you may be aware, the committee also includes representatives from RCMP "E" Division and BC Hydro.

I would like to extend my thanks for all of TELUS' contributions to the committee's efforts, in particular for developing and funding a police training video on metal theft. I understand the video concept was very well received and supported by the Provincial Training Governance Steering Committee (PTGSC). The PTGSC provides strategic direction to the Justice Institute of BC Police Academy, RCMP "E" Division Criminal Operations, and the Pacific Region Training Centre on police training across BC. I will be sponsoring the promotion of the police training video and the impact of metal theft on public safety at meetings of the Crown/Police Liaison Committee and the BC Association of Chiefs of Police this fall.

In addition to these initiatives, Policing and Security Branch is in the process of finalizing an administrative penalty framework to address compliance issues as determined by the Registrar under Section 17 of the *Metal Dealers and Recyclers Act*. Administrative penalties are an alternative to the use of violation tickets, which typically range between \$115 and \$575, and

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can be up to \$5,000 for individuals and up to \$50,000 for registered businesses. Ministry inspectors will continue to conduct routine checks of metal yards to monitor for compliance and take enforcement action where necessary. We encourage TELUS to continue working closely with our inspectors to identify areas of concern.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time as we continue to move forward on addressing this critical issue.

Yours truly,

Clayton J.D. Pecknold
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Dear Clayton,

I am writing to thank you for your continued focus on the important issue of metal theft enforcement in British Columbia. We appreciate your efforts to strengthen your regulatory framework with more effective penalties for scrap metal dealers who commit violations under the *Metal Dealers and Recyclers Act.* It is encouraging to hear that metal theft prevention continues to be a priority for the Policing and Security Branch.

It is our pleasure to contribute to the Metal Theft Consultative Committee, specifically your education efforts with the Justice Institute of BC Police Academy. We are happy to hear that the training video concept was well-received and I look forward to seeing it developed and used with audiences throughout the province.

These efforts, alongside other initiatives like the administrative penalty framework you outline in your letter, are positive steps towards addressing this pressing issue. I look forward to continuing to collaborate on our mutual goal of protecting critical infrastructure throughout the province. Together, we can reduce the incidence of metal theft and increase safety for British Columbians.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dana Adams, Director, Corporate Security, TELUS Kim Logan, Director, Government Relations, TELUS From:

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Subject: Date:

Re: Metal theft enforcement in BC - 516610 Thursday, July 21, 2016 1:52:35 PM

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Hi there,

Please see attached.

Regards,

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