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Mr. Orville Smith
President
Horse Council BC
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Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of the Province of British Columbia (Province), it is my pleasure to acknowledge and congratulate Horse Council BC and its many volunteers for their significant work to advance sport in British Columbia. Ongoing investments by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development highlight our commitment to continue to grow sport in the province.

British Columbia made a commitment to be the healthiest jurisdiction to host an Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The Province met this commitment, in part due to the work done by Horse Council BC to promote sport and its contribution to healthy living and strong communities.

Today I wish to highlight your involvement with the BC Games Society and the 2010 BC Summer Games. These biennial Games provide a competitive multi-sport experience for young British Columbians, and an opportunity to certify coaches and recruit and train officials, and as such they are an integral part of the development of your sport.

Your organization obviously sees the Games as a valuable opportunity to develop your athletes, coaches and officials. The inclusion of a Para athlete component shows your commitment to athletes with a disability and, while small at the 2010 Games, has the potential to grow.

Using the BC Games as a critical step in developing athletes, coaches and officials has greatly strengthened the provincial sport system. The continued participation of Horse Council BC in these Games can only strengthen your sport and the sector as a whole.

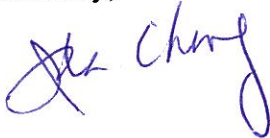
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Please convey my best wishes and congratulations to the membership of Horse Council BC for your contribution to sport in British Columbia.

I wish you continued success in all your sporting endeavours.

Sincerely,

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Ida Chong, FCGA
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