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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to follow up on our earlier correspondence regarding the #DesignedWithSurvivors campaign, a province-wide initiative that reframes gender-based violence (GBV) as a public safety crisis. This campaign remains rooted in the essential question:

What would public safety look like if it were designed with survivors in mind?

We have called on municipalities across British Columbia to take coordinated, local action to address GBV as a matter of public safety and gender equity. Since our initial outreach, BWSS has met with **19 municipalities**. Through council delegations and one-on-one discussions with mayors and staff, we have been able to explore practical steps that municipalities can take to strengthen prevention, response, and coordination on GBV. These conversations have been encouraging and demonstrate the growing recognition that safety starts at the local level.

Today, we are following up to ensure that your community has the opportunity to participate in this critical initiative, starting with a meeting or council delegation from BWSS. Our goal is to support your municipality in:

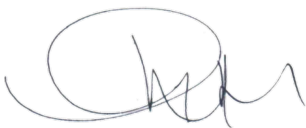
- **Identifying opportunities for municipal leadership**, including establishing task forces, implementing risk assessment protocols, and advancing public awareness initiatives.
- **Developing a gender-based violence prevention and response strategy** that aligns with community safety and equity goals.
- **Collaborating with community organizations and other levels of government** to ensure an integrated, survivor-centred approach.

As November 25 approaches, marking the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the start of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**, now is a meaningful time to join this provincial conversation and demonstrate your local government's commitment to ending gender-based violence.

We would be pleased to schedule a meeting or delegation at your convenience to discuss how BWSS can support you in this vital work.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to community safety.

Warm regards,
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