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Re: Alternative Support Model for Search and Rescue in British Columbia

*{Search and Rescue Group name}* is pleased to endorse the proposed Alternative Support Model for Search and Rescue in British Columbia presented by the British Columbia Search and Rescue Association.

The need for adequate sustainable funding and increased administrative support for SAR groups and our volunteer members has been indentified for many years. The current funding and other support from the Province of B.C. through Emergency Management B.C. and community gaming grants is greatly appreciated; however, our members continue to spent many hours fundraising and reporting in addition to training and responding. Our members are willing to invest the hours required to be proficient and professional in the service we provide, however these extra burdens affect volunteer retention and wellbeing. In addition, the uncertainty and restrictions on current funding does not allow for planning long term funding for capital purchases when required

We believe the proposed support model will address these long standing issues and allow our dedicated volunteer members to focus on their primary objectives; finding lost persons, rescuing those injured or stranded and returning loved ones to their families, friends and communities.

Yours sincerely,

*{name of signor}*

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