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Good afternoon Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing to provide a final update on the deployment of our CANTF1 members to Tappen, BC this past weekend. As per my previous notes, the team received a request for assistance from Emergency Management BC on the morning of May 6 to assist with the search of a residence that had been severely damaged by a landslide. 11 team members and one search dog were on the ground in Tappen by 7:00pm on May 6 and commenced work very quickly.

The search was discontinued overnight for safety reasons and resumed at 6:30am on May 7. I regret to advise that, at 3:00pm on May 7, the decision was made to transition the mission from a rescue to a recovery and CANTF1 was released from the scene. The team arrived back to Vancouver on May 8. Due to the strenuous and sensitive nature of the operation, the team met immediately upon their return with the VF&RS Critical Incident Stress Management team for a full debrief.

Thank-you to Chief McKearney for his support of the team during this deployment, including his presence on the ground in Tappen.

Please let Chief McKearney or me know if you have any questions.

Best,
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