

September 15, 2020
via email

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Dear Kenneth Armstrong:

Thank you for your email of August 12, 2020, providing feedback on and support for the project to make arbitration a viable alternative for those involved in motor vehicle (MV) claims.

I recognize that there are specific issues that may need to be addressed to facilitate successful MV arbitrations. As you are aware, a new *Arbitration Act* came into force on September 1, 2020. The Vancouver International Arbitration Centre (VanIAC), formerly the British Columbia International Commercial Arbitration Centre (BCICAC), has new Domestic Arbitration Rules supporting the *Arbitration Act* that commenced the same day. The new rules are amenable to adjustment, including to address MV claim specific issues. I propose to have ministry staff assist VanIAC, ICBC and representatives from the claimants' bar with such adjustments.

Ministry staff have reached out to the above noted parties to schedule meetings for early September to discuss this.

I appreciate your support and involvement in this project.

Yours truly,

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