

November 16, 2021

Brad Sperling, Board Chair Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Box 810 1981 Alaska Avenue Dawson Creek B.C. V1G 4H8

Sent via e-mail: brad.sperling@prrd.bc.ca

Dear PRRD Board Chair Brad Sperling,

RE: Peace River Regional District Letter of Support

I am writing to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of support around truth and reconciliation. Your commitment goes a long way in supporting not only our community at the Williams Lake First Nation, but also inspiring our neighbours across the region to consider the topic of reconciliation in our communities at large.

Mayor Walt Cobb's sharing of the social media post was very discouraging, disheartening, and disappointing. However, I am thrilled to see that your leadership has committed to conduct further strategic planning as you endeavour to support the residents of the Peace River Regional District and to improve the understanding of truth and reconciliation at your government.

Your open-minded approach to the principles of reconciliation will surely create additional trust and build a healthy relationship with Indigenous communities in your region and beyond.

Once again, I appreciate your meaningful leadership and valuable support.

Sincerely,

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Chief Willie Sellars

cc. WLFN Council
Aaron Mannella, WLFN Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)
Kirk Dressler, Director of Legal and Corporate Services
Cariboo Regional District (CRD)



November 5, 2021

Chief Willie Sellars Williams Lake Indian Band

Via Email: willie.sellars@williamslakeband.ca

Dear Chief Willie Sellars

RE: Peace River Regional District Board Reaffirms Commitment to Reconciliation

At its Regional Board Meeting held on November 4, 2021, the Regional Board of the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) discussed the views shared by Mayor Cobb regarding residential schools and unanimously disagreed with those views.

The PRRD issued a formal press release on the PRRD website, November 5, 2021, reaffirming its commitment to truth and reconciliation and its commitment to the principles and practices of reconciliation.

The Regional Board included Collaboration with Local and First Nations governments to the PRRD Strategic Plan Focus Area of Partnerships and identified this item as critical to healing amongst all people.

Sincerely,

Brad Sperling

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Peace River Regional District Board Chair

c: Caribou Regional District

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