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Board of Directors
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Dear Sirs/Mesdames;

Re: Doig River Treaty Land Entitlement Land Selections-Letter of Support from PRRD

Thank you for hosting the recent meeting between Doig River First Nation (DRFN) and the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) in regards to DRFN's TLE land selections.

As follow up to this meeting DRFN is providing a map with our land selections and its intended future uses. As you are aware, DRFN has existing fee simple land holdings within the PRRD in Rose Prairie and Charlie Lake that will remain fee simple and are within the acceptable uses as per the PRRD policies and the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) requirements.

As indicated on the map attached, the majority of the land selections are in near proximity to IR #206 (Doig River Reserve) IR #204 (Beaton Reserve) or in DRFN's K'ih Tsaa? dze Tribal Park. These lands selections are to expand on our existing reserves and will be for cultural use. We have provided a copy of a historical DRFN BC TLE (September 2012) community document that highlights the reasons for the lands selections and the history behind the locations.

The Petersen's Crossing selection will continue to be a combination of residential and cultural use as it is a historical location where DRFN members resided after displacement from Montney IR #172. We have Elders that currently reside there and seasonal camping and family gatherings occur at Petersen's Crossing.

DRFN is also seeking a letter of support for our non-TLE land selections slated for Additions To Reserve (ATR) on the Old Fort Road. DRFN purchased these lands from local pioneer families as a place for our Elders and community members to gather due to the construction and flooding caused by the Site C dam. BC Hydro and farmers along the Peace River have historically alienated DRFN band members from accessing and using their traditional sites along the Peace River and the Site C dam will flood significant historical and cultural places that include gravesites of DRFN members from the Attachie family.

Securing land at Old Fort was important for DRFN to maintain a connection to these traditional places and the opportunity to have spaces for the intergenerational transmission of culture that includes drumming, tea dances, gatherings and language. DRFN does not have established long term plans for the two properties at Old Fort other than the existing agricultural lease we have with Tea Creek Farms and rental of the properties by tenants. DRFN intends to maintain the land in a natural condition so the members can enjoy the land as they were promised under the articles of Treaty. Should there be a change in the plans, DRFN, as always has been transparent and sought the support of our local municipality and regional governments to support our initiatives.

DRFN's priority at this time is to focus on completing our Municipal Services Agreement (MSA) for our FSJ Urban Lands. We believe that significant investments from our TLE settlement will infuse much needed capital investment and employment for our local community and its residents.

DRFN is amenable to having conversations with the PRRD on an MOU or a MSA should the PRRD wish to do so at its convenience.

We hope that by providing this additional information and meeting with senior PRRD staff gives the Board of Directors the comfort they need in providing letters of support and the opportunity to being an important part of the reconciliation of outstanding treaty obligations for DRFN.

Should you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact our Band Manager for further information or to set up a meeting or conference call.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Shela', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DOIG RIVER FIRST NATION

cc: Dan Penner, Urban Systems, Allisun Rana, Rana Law