

**From:** Dale Bumstead [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 4:40 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Leaders Table - October meeting

Good afternoon to everyone,

The direction from the last Leaders Table was to forward a letter onto Premier Eby and John Rustad, Leader of the Opposition, signed by each of the respective leaders of the North expressing the concern about the racism and anti indigenous comments that were expressed during the recent Provincial election.

I have attached the draft of the letter which I am asking that you have placed on your council agendas in the hopes that we can have it supported by way of a motion or support according to your council procedures and returned to me signed by yourself or a designate. I will then go about consolidating all of the signatures onto a single letter and have it sent off appropriately.

The process of having approx. 18 signatures makes it difficult to try and facilitate any type of further discussion or input into the wording of the letter. It is my hope that you will find it acceptable to place in front of your councils and obtain their support to sign it. I am asking if you can please try and expedite the process of obtaining approval so we can get it sent off to the Premier and Mr. Rustad.

Thank you everyone and please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Thank you

Dale

November 12, 2024

VIA EMAIL

**The Honourable David Eby**  
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Leader of the Opposition  
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Dear Premier and Leader of the Opposition,

Congratulations on your re-election as members of the Legislative Assembly in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Parliament of British Columbia.

We, the undersigned Chiefs, Mayors and Directors of the Peace River Regional District and the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality, write as the elected leaders of First Nations and municipal governments in northeast BC, Treaty 8 territory, to express our united condemnation of the racism and anti-Indigenous rhetoric recently displayed in the course of the 2024 Provincial Election campaign by some candidates for public office. It is our steadfast belief that such statements have no place in our province and that they must be met with firm and immediate opposition from leaders at every level.

As leaders in the northeast, we are committed to fostering a society rooted in mutual respect, inclusivity, and reconciliation. Racism and anti-Indigenous sentiment damage these efforts, creating division and harm within our communities. We stand united in our expectation that, when such sentiments surface, the leadership of this province will act decisively, condemning them unequivocally and setting a clear example.

We are firmly united in our message that it will never be acceptable to not speak up at any point when these kinds of discriminatory sentiments are expressed publicly, and we expect leaders at the provincial level to do the same.

We urge you, as the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition, to take every opportunity to reinforce the message that racism and intolerance have no place in British Columbia. Our communities are watching, and our citizens expect nothing less than strong, unwavering leadership on this critical matter.

We thank you in advance for your commitment to anti-racism and creating a safe, inclusive, and respectful British Columbia for everyone.

Yours sincerely,



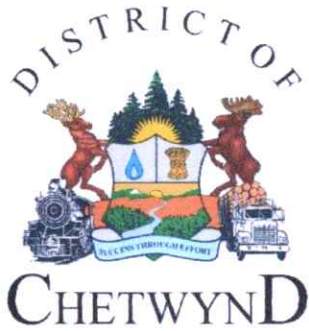
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City of Fort St. John



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Saulteau First Nations



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Northern Rockies Regional Municipality



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West Moberly First Nations



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Prophet River First Nation



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Village of Pouce Coupe



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Peace River Regional District

- cc. Jordan Kealy, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Peace River North  
Larry Neufeld, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Peace River South