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To: Chair Brad Sperling < <a href="mailto:brad.sperling@prrd.bc.ca">brad.sperling@prrd.bc.ca</a>; Shawn Dahlen < <a href="mailto:Shawn.Dahlen@prrd.bc.ca">Shawn.Dahlen@prrd.bc.ca</a>

**Cc:** Brian Bettis < <u>Brian.Bettis@telus.com</u>>

Subject: Peace River Regional District - Connecting BC Funding Applications TELUS + Introduction

Good afternoon Chair Sperling and Shawn,

I wanted to reach out to you to provide an update on two fronts. Firstly, as you may be aware, Robert Squire was successful in moving into another position at TELUS. Brian Bettis has taken over responsibility as the General Manager for TELUS representing the Peace River Regional District and surrounding area. I have included Brian's contact information below. Together, Brian and I are happy to be your point persons for anything related to TELUS.

Secondly, we have been actively working on assessing projects that we believe will be good candidates for the recently announced Connecting British Columbia Program - Economic Recovery Intake subsidy funding for connectivity projects that can be completed by October of next year. There are a number of areas within the PRRD that we feel would meet the criteria and that we are interested in applying for.

Given the funding requirements that projects must be completed by October of 2021, we have identified the following communities for broadband upgrades:

- 1. Bear Flat
- 2. Moberly
- 3. Rolla

In addition, we are also looking at improving connectivity for the Saulteau First Nations\*(East Moberly Lake 169) and West Moberly Lake 168A.

I would be happy to have a call to talk through at your earliest convenience. To support the application for funding to improve connectivity in the above areas, we are seeking a letter of support from the Regional District. We have created a template for your use but please feel free to adjust as you see fit.

We are hoping to acquire subsidy approvals in the first round of funding, in order to do this, we require a letter of support (on RD letterhead) by November, 23 2020.

Thanks! Tyler

### **Brian Bettis**

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# Received DC Office October 26, 2020

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Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Shawn Dahlen < Shawn.Dahlen@prrd.bc.ca >
Cc: Nancy Narayan < Nancy.Narayan@telus.com >

**Subject:** Support Request: Connecting British Columbia Program - Economic Recovery Intake

Good Afternoon CAO Dahlen,

I hope this email finds you well.

TELUS is seeking your support in improving connectivity in your region through the recently announced Connecting British Columbia Program - Economic Recovery Intake subsidy funding.

We have created a template for your use but please feel free to adjust as you see fit.

We are hoping to acquire subsidy approvals in the first round of funding, in order to do this, we require a letter of support (on RD letterhead) by **October 29**, **2020**.

Thank you and looking forward to your support.

Thanks,

### **Brian Bettis**

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## **Northern Development Initiative Trust**

301-1268 Fifth Avenue Prince George, BC V2L 3L2

To: Whom it May Concern

Re: TELUS Application: Connecting British Columbia Program - Economic Recovery Intake

The Peace River Regional District fully supports the TELUS Application to provide increased broadband connectivity through TELUS PureFibre to Bear Flat under the Connecting BC Program - Economic Recovery Intake.

Once this network investment is operational, it will allow communities, health care providers, educators, government administrations, and businesses an opportunity to better deliver services and develop new solutions to support our members to stay local, stay connected and to attract new residents.

The funding assistance from the Connecting BC Program for the delivery of broadband connectivity is an invaluable tool for the creation of innovative partnerships between local governments and ISP's that offer viable delivery models to rural communities. Without the support of this program, many communities would not be able to enjoy the level of internet services that are required to maintain rural residents and businesses.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this application,

Sincerely,

<Name, Title, Signature>