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Peace River Regional District
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Attention: Board of Directors - Peace River Regional District

Re: Request for Letter of Support to the Province of British Columbia

Dear Chair and Board of Directors,

I hope this message finds you well. As you are aware, the Kelly Lake community has been diligently working with a dedicated team, including an elected Governance Committee, over the past two years to develop a comprehensive governance framework. This initiative is approaching a pivotal moment, with our foundational work culminating in a formal election scheduled for April 12th of this spring.

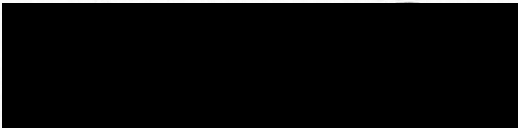
Throughout this transformative period, we have engaged in continuous dialogue with the Province of British Columbia, advocating for recognition as an "Indigenous Governing Body." This recognition is crucial—it would enable our community to fully access programs and services that have long been beyond our reach.

In previous conversations, you have expressed support for our aspirations. In light of this, we kindly request a formal letter of support from your office to assist with our process with the province. Such support would affirm the legitimacy of our upcoming Indigenous Governing Body, reflect reconciliation in action, and reinforce our community's commitment to self-representation.

We understand that the Regional District Board is scheduled to meet on February 20th. We respectfully ask that our request be included on the agenda for this meeting. Additionally, if it would be beneficial for members of our Governance Committee to provide further information or clarification in person, please let us know, and we will make every effort to ensure their availability.

Thank you for considering our request and for your continued support in our journey towards self-governance. We look forward to your positive response and to further strengthening our partnership.

Regards,


Chief Norman Caillou