

April 25, 2024

Sent via email to: prrd.fsj@prrd.bc.ca

Peace River Regional District 9505 100 St. FORT ST. JOHN, BC V1J 4N4

Attention: Brad Sperling, Chair

Dear Mr. Sperling,

Re: **Proposed Reserve Creation – Blueberry River First Nations** Treaty 8 Land Entitlement Shortfall Lands – Charlie Lake Land Selection

Blueberry River First Nations ("Blueberry River"), the Province of BC and Canada finalized the settlement of treaty land entitlement on February 3, 2023. The settlement resolves the Treaty 8 land entitlement claims of Blueberry River.

Under the terms of the settlement, it is contemplated that Blueberry River may apply to add provincial Crown land as reserve in accordance with, and subject to, fulfilment of the requirements of Canada's Additions to Reserves/Reserve Creation policy. These requirements include notification to local government.

I am writing to inform you that Blueberry River has, by way of a Band Council Resolution, submitted a request to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) for Reserve Creation. Blueberry River has requested that certain lands located in the Peace River Regional District be set apart as a reserve to be known as Charlie Lake (the "Proposed Reserve Creation") under the settlement. The lands for the Proposed Reserve Creation are surveyed provincial Crown lands currently described as:

## In the Province of British Columbia In Peace River District

Firstly, all of Block B of Sections 1, 11, and 12, Township 85, Range 20, West of the 6th Meridian, as shown on Plan EPC2335 filed in the Crown Land Registry, containing about 187 hectares (462 acres); a copy of said plan is recorded as Plan 112539 in the Canada Lands Surveys Records.





**Secondly,** all of Block B of District Lot 4516 and Sections 13 and 14, Township 85, Range 20, West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meridian, as shown on Plan EPC2334 filed in the Crown Land Registry, containing about 73.8 hectares (182.4 acres); a copy of said plan is recorded as Plan 112538 in the Canada Lands Surveys Records.

Lands described comprise about 261 hectares (645 acres)

(The "Proposed Reserve Land")

Enclosed for your information is a map showing the approximate location of the proposed reserve.

Local governments and First Nation governments are encouraged to work together on common and shared obligations and goals. By working together, we can advance our collective work in the spirit of reconciliation and a nation-to-nation relationship.

Should you have any questions or wish to receive further information, I would request that you reply prior to June 10, 2024. Please send your response to me by e-mail at Kuldip.Gill@sac-isc.gc.ca or you may contact me by phone at 604-364-1883.

Sincerely,



Kuldip Gill

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Encl: Map showing the Proposed Reserve Lands

c.c.: Chief Judy Desjarlais

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