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Attn. Doug and Shelly Gallinger
Fort St. John Home Hardware Building Centre
9820 108th Street,
Fort St. John, BC V1J 0A7

Dear Doug and Shelly:

On behalf of the Community Living BC (CLBC) North Region Community Council (NRCC), I am writing to thank and recognize you for the work you do to build inclusion in Fort St. John for people of all abilities.

The NRCC is one of 13 Community Councils across the province. Our role is to make sure people with developmental disabilities, families, community members and service providers play a major role in achieving the shared vision of fostering good lives in welcoming communities. As a Council, we work collaboratively with community partners and local CLBC offices across the North to support and recognize community inclusion and to foster full participation in community for people with developmental disabilities.

Inclusion means that all people have opportunities in community to build relationships, enjoy sports and recreation opportunities, find employment, and to contribute as a full citizen. These goals cannot be accomplished without the dedication and commitment of community partners like you. Through your example, you are encouraging, inspiring and supporting others to contribute to inclusion and the participation of the people CLBC serves in all aspects of your community. In particular, I want to recognize your ongoing employment of individuals with disabilities in a very inclusive environment. All employees are treated as valued members of the team: they all have staff uniforms, and are included in activities such as awards for yearly service, staff parties, and Christmas gift exchanges. You have customized jobs to fit the need of the individual and they are respected for the duties they are capable of performing. As a result of your welcoming atmosphere, they are very proud to say that they work for Home Hardware!

We look forward to working with you as a community partner to build inclusion for people of all abilities. If at any time, you would like to learn more about the NRCC, or are interested in partnering with us, please don't hesitate to contact me at north@clbccommunitycouncils.ca

Thank you again for your caring, commitment and leadership.

Yours truly,

Gordon Robertson, Chair
North Community Council