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Lakelse Dental Centre
4438 Lakelse Ave.,
Terrace, BC, V8G 1P2
Attn. Dr. Mark Forgie

February 5, 2016

Dear Dr. Forgie:

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 Terrace and region for people of all abilities.

The NRCC is one of 13 Community Councils across BC. 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 you and your staff for the inclusion offered to all patients of the clinic. From the reception area to the dental chair, patients are welcomed and treated with dignity and respect. The staff is very skilled in treating patients requiring extra time, extra support and special approaches; they are kind and gentle and encouraging. Every effort is made to engage the patient in the treatment process, regardless of communication barriers. Families of patients are not only included in the treatment area, but also welcomed. The clinic itself is accessible to patients with mobility impairments and has a fully accessible washroom. Patients from a large geographic area use this dental clinic because of this inclusive approach to a necessary, but often-difficult health care necessity.

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