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Bulkley Valley Home Centre  
Attn. Travis Nanninga  
General Manager  
1300 Hwy 16  
Telkwa, BC  
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Dear Mr. Nanninga:

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 Telkwa and Smithers 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 would like to recognize your long time employment of individuals with disabilities and your ability to tailor jobs to fit the individual. Your staff celebrates special events in their team members' lives and community members look for these folks as they enter the store and look forward to the interaction they have. Seeing the cheery face, celebrating a job well done is community building at it's best. The community at large has benefitted by your generous contributions to projects, which enrich the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

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](mailto:north@clbccommunitycouncils.ca)

Thank you again for your caring, commitment and leadership.

Yours truly,

Gordon Robertson, Chair  
North Community Council