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Faye Golder  
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Dear Faye:

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 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 want to recognize you for 29 years of dedicated service to young adults with diverse abilities and their families. In the public-School system as a SEA, through your strong artistic abilities you made school not only fun but a creative place for skill development. Your unique ability to see the strengths of each individual has helped them develop lifelong skills both for their own pleasure and as a means of increasing their independence. At home, you and Harley have provided a very warm, welcoming environment for respite. Your rural location allows individuals to be around large and small animals and experience the peace of nature. You have both enriched lives of these individuals by having them attend community concerts, pot luck dinners and dances with you. Your success rests on your mantra of "be kind and listen".

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