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Gitanmaax Band Council  
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Dear Dianne Shanoss, Executive Director:

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 the Hazelton area 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 efforts to include people with disabilities in your community. Your programming and events are open to all and your office is wheelchair accessible. You are an inclusive employer, providing jobs to individuals with developmental disabilities at the Gitanmaax Hall at your bingo and concession, Gitanmaax Band Office with ongoing temporary employment, and the Gitanmaax Elders Program as cooks. Most recently, you have enriched the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities by inviting them to volunteer with the Gitanmaax Nursery School, reading to the children, teaching them games and playing with them, and assisting them to get ready for home time and the bus. This teaching the value of people with disabilities to a whole new generation.

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