



COMMUNITY LIVING
BRITISH COLUMBIA

February 27, 2017

Saik'uz Culture Camp
Saik'uz First Nation Band Office
Attention: Band Manager
135 Joseph St.
Vanderhoof, BC
V0J 3A1

Dear Band Manager:

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 Vanderhoof 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 the way that you welcome individuals with all levels of disability to visit your culture camp at Tatuk Lake. You make them feel welcome by giving them a tour of camp, showing them your smoke house and traditional pit house and sharing what you are teaching the First nations youth. Sharing your culture with this group of individuals helps them to feel included in an important part of our society.

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