



Safeway Smithers
1450 King Street,
Smithers, BC
V0J 2N0
Attn. Derek Huttema, Store Manager

November 25, 2019

Dear Mr. Huttema:

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 with developmental disabilities.

Building inclusion for people with developmental disabilities is central to the work of CLBC; its vision is “lives filled with possibilities in welcoming communities.” CLBC defines inclusion as people of all abilities having opportunities for relationships, recreation and employment - and the chance to contribute to their community.

The NRCC’s role is to make sure people with developmental disabilities, families, community members and service providers play a major part in achieving CLBC’s vision. We also support and recognize people, organizations and employers across the North for their role in fostering inclusion and full participation of people with developmental disabilities in their community.

Inclusion cannot be accomplished without the dedication and commitment of community partners like you. The NRCC would like to recognize you and the Smithers Safeway store for the long-term practice of inclusive employment. For more than 20 years this store has been providing the satisfaction, enjoyment, sense of purpose and community that comes with inclusive employment. The smiles and great service that the community consistently receives from these Safeway employees is evidence not only that they love their jobs, but that of true community inclusion.

Through this action, you are encouraging, inspiring and supporting others to be inclusive of the people CLBC serves in all aspects of your community. In addition to presenting you with this letter, we will be adding your location to the joint CLBC/Family Support Institute of BC My Community BC map, which can be found at www.findsupportbc.com/map/

Thank you for your caring, commitment and leadership for inclusion of 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

Yours truly,

Gordon Robertson, Chair
North Community Council