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Vanderhoof Community Garden
C/O Maya Sullivan
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Dear Maya:

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 Vanderhoof 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 planning the garden for wheelchair access by providing raised beds, with adequate room between them, an accessible greenhouse, and tool shed, where the tools are within easy reach. The ground cover was chosen as it packs down well for wheelchair access, and the bathroom is completely wheelchair accessible. You included the local agency that supports CLBC clients by allowing them to put up their own greenhouse in the garden. When people with disabilities attend events put on for the community they are always welcomed, acknowledged, and encouraged for contributing by being part of the garden.

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