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Vanderhoof Kinette Club
Laura Goodwin, President

Dear Ms Goodwin:

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 building a wheelchair accessible swing at Ferland Park. The addition of this piece of equipment to the park is a big step to making Vanderhoof more inclusive of everyone. It's design and location help to reduce the stigma around individuals with special needs. It helps bring everyone together, creates awareness, and gets everyone enjoying the park together. The swing not only encourages physical activity, it provides an opportunity for people to engage socially. Although it was designed to accommodate special needs, but really it's for everyone, any child or adult.

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