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Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako SUPPLEMENTARY Committee of the Whole September 4, 2014

To:

Chair Miller and the Board of Directors

From:

Corrine Swenson, Manager of Regional Economic Development

Date:

September 3, 2014

Regarding:

2014 RDBN Business Forum

The RDBN Business Forum is taking place September 12 and 13, 2014 in Fort St James. A copy of the updated agenda provided by the District of Fort St James is located on the desks of each Director.

The Forum is taking a different approach this year, as the RDBN is now the Overall Sponsor for the event by providing a \$10,000 sponsorship to the District of Fort St James to plan and host the Regional Business Forum. The RDBN has assisted with the Forum by participating on the advisory committee, providing guidance as requested and providing promotion and registration on the website.

To date, the registrations for the Business Forum are very low.

- 9 Attendees for both days
- 4 Attendees for a single day
- 2 Electoral Area Directors
- 8 Sponsors attending both days and the dinner
- 6 Presenters attending both days and the dinner

The District of Fort St James has advertised the Forum through an article in the Caledonia Courier, social media, and business license renewals. Currently, staff of the District are contacting individual businesses in Fort St James personally to boost the registrations and are looking at radio and print ads. The advisory committee has also assisted by promoting the Forum through email and social media. Three separate emails to all contacts of the Regional Economic Development Department were sent out promoting the Forum.

Staff are requesting the Board of Directors assistance to promote the Forum to residents, businesses, not for profit organizations, Councils and Municipal Staff.

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Doug Donaldson, MLA (Stikine)

August 25, 2014

Regional District Bulkley Nechako Box 820 Burns Lake BC VOJ 1E0 SEP 0.2 2014
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Dear Chair and Directors,

Over the past five years I have been able to attend as MLA for Stikine a number of meetings that municipal councils and regional districts in the constituency scheduled with provincial government ministries and other government agencies at the Union of BC Municipalities annual convention. The observer role at these meetings has been a very valuable experience as it allowed me to better represent your interests in Victoria during legislative sittings, and in subsequent informal and formal meetings I've had with Ministers and bureaucrats.

With five municipalities and two regional districts in Stikine, this year I will be bringing my constituency assistant to the UBCM so that we can attend as many of your sessions as possible and better understand the topics you are presenting to government, and government agencies like Northern Health. I believe the importance our office places on your meetings at UBCM, and the issues discussed at the UBCM itself, is reflected in the substantial commitment of these staff resources. Constituency assistant Julie Maitland, from the Hazelton MLA office, will be attending with me.

I thank you for the invitations to your meetings that you extended at last year's UBCM and look forward to hearing from you about your Minister and government agency schedule for this year so I can arrange to be at as many meetings as possible.

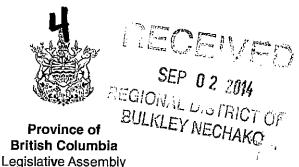
Our office will be following up with your administration regarding the schedules.

Thanks and see you at the UBCM.

Yours truly,

Doug Donaldson MLA Stikine





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August 28, 2014

Mr. Bill Miller, Chair and Members of the Board Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Box 820 Burns Lake, BC V0J 1E0

Dear Chair Miller and Board Members,

The Members of the Official Opposition are looking forward to attending the upcoming UBCM in Whistler on September 22nd - 26th, and hope to see you at our Official Opposition hosted breakfast on Friday, September 26th, 6:45 am in the Mt. Currie Ballroom at the Whistler Hilton.

I would love the opportunity to meet with you at the UBCM. I look forward to hearing about the needs of your local government, the challenges you are experiencing and to work with you on solutions and recommendations on how to address these challenges. The Official Opposition Caucus also knows that as local government representatives you are acutely in tune with a variety of needs and challenges of your communities. It is with this in mind that we would like to remind you that our caucus representatives are available to meet with you, to hear about your broader community concerns and ideas and to advocate on your behalf.

In reviewing the resolutions to be debated at UBCM, I noted that several local governments are working on issues that my BCNDP Opposition colleagues and I have repeatedly raised in the Legislature. For example;

- Kootenay Boundary Regional District, Cranbrook and the LMLGA Executive have brought forward resolutions calling on the Province to reconsider and properly consult on any changes to BC Ambulance Service Resource Allocation. We also raised this issue in the Legislature this past May.
- Nelson, Victoria, Coldstream, Central Kootenay Regional District and the LMLGA have all submitted resolutions to your membership asking the Province to support and protect the Agricultural Land Reserve. Together, with my caucus colleagues, we debated against Bill 24 for weeks this past legislative session.
- Maple Ridge is bringing forward a resolution asking your membership to support the work my
 colleague, Michelle Mungall, has been doing to end the child support clawback; a policy that
 has tremendous impact on the poorest families in our Province.

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We applaud you for advocating on behalf of your constituents. If you would like to share what's going on in your community with us, I have included a current list of our caucus and their respective portfolios.

If you would like to set up a meeting with any of us while we are in Whistler, please contact Jared Butcher at 250-953-4607 or via email jared.butcher@leg.bc.ca

All the best.

Selina Robinson, MLA

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Opposition Advocate for Local Government

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July 23, 2014

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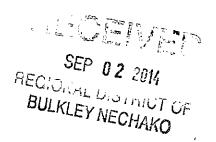






August 25, 2014

Mr. Bill Miller, Chair Regional District of Bulkley -Nechako PO Box 820 Burns Lake , BC VOJ 1E0 250-696-3211 cell: 250-692-9940 / bmiller.pbm@gmail.com Non-transferable



Subject: Invitation to dinner hosted by Pacific NorthWest LNG, TransCanada PipeLines Ltd. and Progress Energy Canada Ltd.

Dear Mr. Miller:

On behalf of Pacific NorthWest LNG, TransCanada PipeLines Ltd., and Progress Energy Canada Ltd. it is our pleasure to invite you to attend our hosted dinner and reception during UBCM on Monday, September 22, 2014, in Whistler, B.C. We look forward to seeing you during this important week of meetings and events involving local government and municipalities from across the province.

As you know, liquefied natural gas (LNG) has emerged as an exciting opportunity for British Columbians. Pacific NorthWest LNG is proposing to build a world-class LNG facility on Lelu Island in Port Edward, near Prince Rupert, B.C. The proposed facility would liquefy and export natural gas produced by Progress Energy Canada in northeastern B.C. The gas would be transported to the facility by the proposed Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Line, which is to be owned and operated by TransCanada PipeLines Ltd. All of our companies are committed to generating new economic and social benefits for the local communities, First Nations, British Columbia and Canada in a safe and sustainable manner.

Along with some of our colleagues, we look forward to hosting you for dinner. We will each provide a brief update on our projects and look forward to answering your questions. Here are the details for the dinner:

Date:

Monday, September 22, 2014

Time:

Reception at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm

Location:

Whistler Golf Club (4001 Whistler Way)

RSVP:

Courtney Chambers at cchambers@pnwlng.com or 778-372-4712 by

Wednesday, September 10 (please include any dietary restrictions)

We hope that you are able to join us.

Sincerely,

Tessa Gill

Head, Corporate and Stakeholder Relations Pacific NorthWest LNG Dean Patry

President, Prince Rupert Gas

Transmission Project

TransCanada PipeLines Ltd. cc: John Dunn, Vice President

Cindy Kutherford

Vice President, Corporate

Relations and Land

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