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Lara Beckett, Chair Regional District of Fraser-Fort George 155 George Street Prince George, British Columbia V8V 1X4

Dear Lara Beckett:

Thank you for your letter of January 17, 2025, and please pass along my gratitude to the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) board of directors for taking time to share perspectives and exchange ideas with me during my recent visit to Prince George.

I appreciate the engagement and meaningful discussion we had on forestry concerns and priorities for the RDFFG. I also appreciate the chance to listen and hear directly from the board about the forestry opportunities that present the greatest promise for the region.

The Ministry of Forests values its relationship with the RDFFG, and I am committed to addressing the issues important to your residents. Our forest industry is at a crucial point. The communities and people that depend on it require us to work together to tackle the challenges and meet the opportunities ahead of us.

Again, thank you for meeting with me as I begin my work as the Minister of Forests. I look forward to collaborating and building together a bright future for forestry in the Fraser-Fort George region.

Sincerely,



Ravi Parmar Minister

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The Honourable Ravi Parmar, MLA Minister of Forests Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister:

Re: Visting the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

On behalf of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Board of Directors I would like to thank you for your visit to Prince George in late November.

Directors Alan, Atkinson, Yu and I found our meeting to be productive and we are optimistic to see significant changes in the way forests are managed that will benefit our region and residents. We look forward to working with you to support a more local and diverse community-based forestry sector.

We also invite you to return to the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to visit our rural communities and municipalities, where healthy forest ecosystems are a vital part of the economy, and learn about the challenges they face and the opportunities that are possible.

Sincerely,



Lara Beckett, Chair

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