



## Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board, BVCRB

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Dear Ms Aikman,

We are writing to express our strong support for community consultation and the respectful consideration of existing land use management plans in the Bulkley Valley. As a community member, you should understand the significance of local land use planning in promoting sustainable development and preserving the unique character of our region.

Local land use planning serves as a foundational framework that balances ecological integrity, economic vitality, and community well-being. The Bulkley Valley is home to diverse ecosystems, vibrant communities, and a rich cultural heritage. It is crucial that we honour the existing land use management plans that reflect the collective vision of our community and safeguard our natural resources for future generations.

Community consultation is vital in this process. The Land Resource Management Plan, the RAMP and interpretation of their language is left to the Community Resource Board. If Ministries and/or developers continue to make interpretations without consulting the Board then this is not a legitimate form of public consultation. The Board meets monthly and welcomes observers and new members at any time. If you have developers making assumptions and decide what is good for all citizens of the Bulkley Valley then there is not full disclosure and considerations for long term impacts are missed. Engaging residents in discussions about land use decisions fosters a sense of ownership and accountability. It allows for the integration of local knowledge and values, ensuring that the planning process is both inclusive and effective. When community members are actively involved, we can create resilient and adaptable strategies that reflect our shared priorities and aspirations.

Moreover, respecting existing land use management plans is essential for maintaining stability and predictability within our region. These plans have been developed through careful research, community input, and expert analysis. They provide a blueprint for re-

sponsible development and help mitigate conflicts between various land uses. Disregarding these plans can lead to unintended consequences, including environmental degradation, loss of biodiversity, and social discord.

In conclusion, we urge you to prioritize community consultation and uphold the existing land use management plans in the Bulkley Valley. By doing so, we can foster a collaborative environment where sustainable development thrives, and our community's unique identity is preserved.

Thank you for considering this important matter. We look forward to seeing our community come together in support of these principles. Please contact us if you have further concerns or are unsure of any matter or interpretation of the LRMP.

Sincerely,

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