

Cariboo Regional District
File No. 400-40

Ms. Margo Wagner Chair Cariboo Regional District 180 North Third Avenue, Suite D Williams Lake, British Columbia V2G 2A4 1 2 JUIL. 2018

Dear Ms. Wagner:

I am writing in response to your correspondence, forwarded to the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, expressing your support for the City of Quesnel's project to develop a world-class site in commemoration of the 1864 Chilcotin War incident. Minister Joly appreciates your taking the time to write on this matter. Please excuse the delay in my reply.

The Department of Canadian Heritage's Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage (BCAH) program may be of interest to the City of Quesnel. Its Legacy Fund provides funding for community capital projects that commemorate a significant local historical event or pay tribute to a significant local historical personality; mark a 100th anniversary or greater, in increments of 25 years; and encourage arts and heritage activities that are intended for and accessible to the general public.

Should representatives of the City of Quesnel wish to obtain more information about the program, I invite them to visit canada.ca/en/canadian/heritage/services/funding/building-communities or contact Ms. Guinevere Sanderson, Program Officer, BCAH, by telephone at 604-365-6067 or via email at guinevere.sanderson@canada.ca.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Director

Ministerial Correspondence Secretariat

c.c.: The Honourable Dr. Carolyn Bennett, P.C., M.P.

Mr. Todd Doherty, M.P. Ms. Cathy McLeod, M.P.





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May 28, 2018

Ms. Margo Wagner Chair Cariboo Regional District Suite D 180 North Third Avenue Williams Lake, British Columbia V2G 2A4

Dear Ms. Wagner:

On behalf of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of May 5, 2018, regarding funding for the City of Quesnel to establish a memorial commemorating the Tsilhqot'in Chiefs and the Chilcotin War of 1864.

Please be assured that your comments, offered on behalf of the Cariboo Regional District Board, have been carefully reviewed. The matter you raise is of interest to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs, to whom I note your correspondence is also addressed. Since your letter may also be of interest to the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a further copy to her. While the Prime Minister appreciates being made aware of the City of Quesnel's efforts to establish a historic site, he will leave the matter to be considered by Ministers Bennett and Joly.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Correspondence Officer

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May 5, 2018

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada House of Commons Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

The Honourable Carolyn Bennet Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs House of Commons Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

The Honourable John Horgan Premier of British Columbia West Annex Parliament Buildings Victoria BC V8V 1X4

The Honourable Scott Fraser Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Room 323 Parlaiment Buildings Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Prime Minister, Premier, and Ministers:

Re: Funding for Chilcotin War Chiefs Historical Site

The Cariboo Regional District Board has been advised that the City of Quesnel is undertaking the development of a world-class site to tell the story of the 1864 Chilcotin War incident that prompted the Prime Minister's recent official exoneration of the Tsilhqot'in War Chiefs who were hanged.

The Board commends the City of Quesnel for undertaking this project. As this was a significant historical event, and the exoneration of the War Chiefs is an important step in the reconciliation process, I urge you to provide funding for the City of Quesnel and/or direct them to appropriate funding sources, to aid in the project's completion.

Thank you for considering the Board's request. I sincerely hope that your response will be a favourable one.

Yours truly,

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c: Todd Doherty, MP, Cariboo-Prince George Cathy McLeod, MP, Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo Coralee Oakes, MLA, Cariboo North Donna Barnett, MLA, Cariboo-Chilcotin City of Quesnel Mayor and Council