



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

July 23, 2018

Ministry of Environmental Climate Change Canada  
200 Sacré-Coeur Boulevard  
Gatineau, QC  
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Attention: The Honourable Catherine McKenna  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada

Dear Ms. McKenna,

**RE: Support of the Province of B.C.'s Caribou Recovery Program**

At the Regular Meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the District of Houston received the attached correspondence from Bill Miller, Chair of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako.

At that meeting Council passed the following resolution:

"That Council resolves to issue a letter of support to the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, regarding support of the Province of B.C.'s Caribou Recovery Program."

The District of Houston supports the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako's request for Ottawa to support the Province, in collaboration with all relevant local interests and inclusive of local governments, to develop and implement Caribou Recovery Program to maintain and recover B.C.'s caribou herds.

The District of Houston also agrees with Minister Donaldson, FLNRORD's opening remarks, in the *Provincial Caribou Recovery Program Discussion Paper*, that it is important to "reduce threats to caribou, while balancing the needs of all British Columbians, including Indigenous communities, industry and recreation enthusiasts."

The District of Houston supports the Province's ongoing efforts to compile current and accurate data reflecting caribou use as the most recent updated scientific information, including spatial representation of habitat, as an essential step to achieve the objective in protecting caribou herds while balancing the socioeconomic impacts and the needs of other species, including moose habitat and predator management.



Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J VanBarneveld".

Jonathan VanBarneveld  
Acting Mayor

Attach: Correspondence from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Re: Support of the Province of B.C.'s Caribou Recovery Program

cc: The Honourable John Horgan, Premier, Province of B.C.  
The Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy  
The Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  
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Dear Ms. McKenna,

**RE: Support of the Province of B.C.'s Caribou Recovery Program**

The Board of the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako (RDBN), would like to request that Ottawa support the Province, in collaboration with all relevant local interests and inclusive of local governments, to develop and implement Caribou Recovery Program to maintain and recover BC's caribou herds.

The RDBN agrees with Minister Donaldson, FLNRORD's opening remarks, in the *Provincial Caribou Recovery Program Discussion Paper*, that it is important to "reduce threats to caribou, while balancing the needs of all British Columbians, including Indigenous communities, industry and recreation enthusiasts."

We cannot understate the need to balance socioeconomic needs while developing plans to maintain and recover caribou. Forestry, mining, and recreation are important values that must be considered concurrently with the caribou recovery. The Province has advised that it aims to include local governments in developing predictable zonation and thresholds to provide certainty to affected natural resource users.

The RDBN is committed to work with the province to plan natural resource utilization that supports our local communities and minimizes impacts to local caribou herds. Minister Donaldson has committed to involving local governments in the caribou recovery to ensure that local knowledge and priorities are incorporated as we move forward.

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Thank you for your consideration,



Bill Miller  
Chair  
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

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