Date: November 21, 2018 at 9:20:54 AM PST To: "Joan Sorley " <<u>isorley@cariboord.ca</u>> Cc: "Diane Dunaway", <<u>agurung@cariboord.ca</u>> Subject: Letter of Support

Hi Joan, hope all is going well.

There is a grant opportunity, through the Ministry of Agriculture's Bee BC Program, to obtain funding to support small scale regional/community-based projects to research, explore, field-test and share information about best management practices associated with bee health.

The objective of the Bee BC Program is to enhance bee health throughout the province. Bee health is important, not only for the production of honey, but also for the contribution that bees make to the pollination of many crop species and to the wider environment.

Our local beekeepers, Central Cariboo Branch of the BCHPA, would like to put on a Queen (bee) Rearing Course open to interested participants from Quesnel down to 100 Mile House and as far west as Bella Coola. This would be very beneficial for the Cariboo.

We are looking for a letter of support from the Cariboo Regional District to enhance our chances of obtaining this grant.

Adi Gurung, of your CRD office, has been assisting us in the completion of the grant application and can hopefully clarify any questions you may have.

You can also contact Diane Dunaway or myself.

This is a time sensitive request so anything you can do to expedite would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks, John Hoyrup.