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**RE: Greetings from Mayor Ron Paull**

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As a proud, long-standing member of Quesnel City Council, I am now honoured to serve the City of Quesnel as its Mayor. I would like to take this opportunity to send you this letter to personally connect with you to wish you greetings and well wishes for the years ahead.

As Mayor, I appreciate having the opportunity to help lead Quesnel to achieve its goals and initiatives, including housing, development, and tourism, all while looking to our future, but also embracing our rich history. Quesnel is fortunate to have a dedicated and responsive City Council. We are also fortunate to have an experienced management team and employees that are second to none and I look forward to the work that we can achieve together.

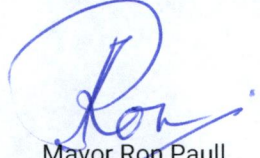
As community leaders, you know all too well the obstacles that we all face and the opportunity that is out there. I look forward to any collaboration or work that our communities could achieve together.

Soon, we look forward to hosting the 32nd annual Minerals North Conference and Tradeshow that is happening on May 31, 2023, to June 2, 2023, in Downtown Quesnel, as well Quesnel will play host to the 2024 BC Winter Games, February 22-25, 2024. We also look forward to our annual Billy Barker Days, Rodeos, Fall Fair, Farmers Markets, and Antique Car Cruises just to name a few.

I encourage you to take a look at the City of Quesnel website and tourism website to check out all of the great things happening, and the projects & initiatives we are working on: [www.quesnel.ca](http://www.quesnel.ca) and [www.tourismquesnel.com](http://www.tourismquesnel.com)

I am excited about the years ahead and to continue moving the City of Quesnel forward!

Yours Sincerely,



Mayor Ron Paull  
City of Quesnel

We are proud to have this letter carried to you in part by a dog sled in the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Cariboo Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Mail Run. For more information, please visit [www.sleddogmailrun.ca](http://www.sleddogmailrun.ca).



## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Mail Run

2023 marks the 31st consecutive year that sled dog teams have travelled the snow covered winter trails between Quesnel and Wells/Barkerville, carrying real Canada Post mail that will eventually reach lucky recipients throughout the world.

To say that transporting sled dog winter mail has become a tradition is putting it mildly; winter would be wanting if the Mail Run envelope didn't arrive. Mail Run organizers are often reminded by both senders and recipients about just how much they value their sled dog mail envelopes and the special link they provide between family and friends.

These envelopes bring together, two Canadian institutions, the historic gold rush and the winter delivery of mail by sled dog team. 1861 saw the start of the Cariboo Gold Rush, the Cariboo gold fields centred at Barkerville were 400 miles beyond the end of navigation on the Fraser River at Fort Yale. Thousands of miners, traders and adventurers travelled this distance with wheelbarrows, mule trains, oxen, stage coaches and wagons.

Quesnelmouth was the point where the route of the wagon road left the banks of the Fraser River and headed overland through Cottonwood House, Pinegrove House, Stanley, Van Winkle, Richfield and Barkerville.

Your Mail Run envelope has been hand cancelled for Quesnel, Wells and Barkerville, the three remaining post offices along the Cariboo portion of the Gold Rush Trail.

The artwork on this year's envelope is by Quesnel resident Christine Yaffee.  
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