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March 17, 2017

His Worship Mayor Bill Streeper
Northern Rockies Regional Municipality
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Bag Service 399
Fort Nelson, British Columbia
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Chief Liz Logan
Fort Nelson First Nation
RR1 Mile 295 Alaska Highway
Fort Nelson, British Columbia
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Dear Mayor Streeper and Chief Logan:

Thank you for your letter of February 10, 2017, expressing interest in obtaining a Community Forest Agreement (CFA) held by a partnership of the Fort Nelson First Nation (FNFN) and Northern Rockies Regional Municipality (NRRM).

I am impressed with the progress both parties have made in developing this partnership and I believe there is a greater chance of success under a partnership than working in isolation. I have reviewed your request and find it aligns with the goals of the Community Forest Program.

Under the authority of Section 43.51(1) (b) of the *Forest Act* and in accordance with Section 6 of the *Community Tenures Regulation*, I hereby invite an application for a CFA from a partnership between the FNFN and NRRM (or other legal entity eligible under the *Forest Act*). Guidelines for a CFA application are available from our website at:

<https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/hth/external!/publish/web/timber-tenures/community/cfa-application-requirements-jul-1-2009.pdf>

Mayor Streeper and Chief Logan

The following conditions apply to this offer:

- The CFA would be for a term of 25 years and with 185,000 m³/year of allowable annual cut (AAC). The boundary and proposed AAC of the CFA must be approved, in writing, by the District Manager before the application is submitted. The landbase must support an AAC that reflects the timber supply profile of the Fort Nelson Timber Supply Area. This means the coniferous leading component of the AAC should be no more than 100,000 m³/year;
- The invitation to apply for a CFA is valid for a period of 365 days after receipt of this letter. If an application is not received by that time, the invitation to apply will be void; and,
- An extension to this period may be granted. The request for extension must be made in writing to Karrilyn Vince, Regional Executive Director of the Northeast Natural Resource Region, at least 28 days prior to the expiry of the term.

I encourage you to continue your discussion within your respective communities and to develop a management plan that respects the spirit and intent of this partnership. Please work with Lisa Thompson, Acting Resource Manager of the Fort Nelson Natural Resource District, and her staff to advance your application. She can be reached by phone at 250 774-5510 or by email at lisa.thompson@gov.bc.ca.

I wish you all the best with your application.

Sincerely,



Steve Thomson
Minister

pc: Kevin Kriese, Assistant Deputy Minister, North Area
Karrilyn Vince, Regional Executive Director, Northeast Natural Resource Region
Barry Dobbin, A/District Manager, Fort Nelson Natural Resource District
Lisa Thompson, A/Resource Manager, Fort Nelson Natural Resource District