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Central Coast Regional District
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Central Coast Regional District

Attention: Board of Directors

Dear Board of Directors:

Re: Regional District Representation in B.C. Environmental Stewardship Initiatives

Please be advised that, at its January 23, 2015 Regular meeting, the Board of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District passed the following resolutions:

MOVED by Director Nobels, SECONDED by Director Racz, that correspondence be sent to the Premier of British Columbia expressing the need for local government representation in Environmental Stewardship Initiatives and consultation processes;

AND THAT the correspondence be copied to the Ministry of Environment.

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MOVED by Director Brain, SECONDED by Director Nobels, that correspondence be sent to Regional Districts to notify them of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District's intent to request, from the Province of B.C., inclusion in Environmental Stewardship Initiatives and consultation processes;

AND THAT a copy of the letter sent to the Premier of B.C. expressing the need for local government representation in environmental stewardship initiatives be copied to all Regional Districts.

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The Environmental Stewardship Division of the Ministry of Environment works to develop, promote and measure achievement of provincial goals for the conservation of living resources, and provides fish and wildlife recreation services. Further to this, the Ministry of Environment's 2013/14 – 2015/16 Service Plan highlights, throughout the document, a plan to promote stewardship with other provincial agencies, industry, First Nations, local government, federal government and other stakeholders.

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Currently, the provincial government is not upholding its commitment to engage with all levels of local government throughout the environmental stewardship consultation process taking place throughout the province, as Regional Districts are not receiving any information or invitation to that effect.

Regional Districts have a strong interest in participating in the development of information used to make resource management decisions. The intent in developing these environmental stewardship initiatives is for varied levels of government to incorporate different values and feedback into resource management decisions. As the environmental stewardship consultation process is currently structured, Regional Districts are not afforded the opportunity to provide feedback or consultation.

At this time, the Board of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District is requesting that the provincial government review the consultation process framework to allow for Regional District representation in the environmental stewardship initiatives taking place throughout the province, and would invite your Regional District Board to do the same.

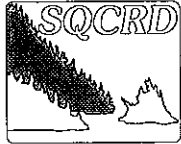
If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the office of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District.

Yours truly,

SKEENA-QUEEN CHARLOTTE REGIONAL DISTRICT



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February 1, 2015

Office of the Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041 STN Prov Govt
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Attention: Honourable Premier Christy Clark

Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Regional District Representation in Environmental Stewardship Initiatives

The Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District (Regional District) aims to provide a forum for direct representation of those areas that, without the Regional District, would have no political voice. It provides for greater control over services and issues of local importance to rural areas and it provides a mechanism for advancing the issues of those areas.

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Currently, the provincial government is not upholding its commitment to engage with all levels of local government throughout the environmental stewardship consultation process taking place in the Skeena region, as the Regional District has not received any information or invitation to that effect.

The Regional District has a strong interest in participating in the development of information used to make resource management decisions. The intent in developing these environmental stewardship initiatives is for varied levels of government to incorporate different values and feedback into resource management decisions. As the environmental stewardship consultation process is currently structured, Regional Districts are not afforded the opportunity to provide feedback or consultation.

At this time, the Board of the Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District requests that you please review the consultation process framework to allow for Regional District representation in the environmental stewardship initiatives taking place throughout the province.

Yours truly,

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Cc: Minister of Environment
B.C. Regional Districts

