

## Text Attachment: Log ID 155316

**Signed 155316**

From: Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX  
Sent: April-25-14 1:45 PM  
To: s22  
Cc: 'Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca'  
Subject: 155316: Lillooet, BC Water project

Ref: 155316

s22

Email: s22

cc: Jackie.Tegart.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Dear s22 :

Thank you for your most recent email and your ongoing concerns about the District of Lillooet drinking water replacement project.

In your email, you indicate that the District's contractors are working at night, and I understand they are allowed to do so. In doing so, they must follow all regulatory requirements of the provincial Ministry of Environment (MOE) as well as meet the requirements of the federal Fisheries Act. If you feel their work is environmentally inappropriate, or you wish to report an environmental spill, you should contact the MOE regional office in Kamloops, by telephone at: 250 371-6200. To report an environmental emergency within the province of British Columbia, please call the 24 hour toll-free number at: 1 800 663-3456.

In your email you also raise the issue of land rights and the Cayoosh Creek Indian Band. The District is on the Land Title for the property on which the water project is being constructed. The Band is investigating land ownership of the area and will raise any legal concerns it has directly with the provincial and federal governments. I recognize your concern for their land rights, but I am certain the Band members will present their own perspective.

In terms of the river intake, the District has done its due diligence through planning and evaluation, which included a Value Engineering analysis lead by experts. I am pleased that the District was successful in receiving funding for the project through the Gas Tax Fund to support them in providing clean, safe drinking water to the community.

Thank you again for writing to express your concerns.

Sincerely,

Coralee Oakes  
Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

McCann Diaz, Meghan CSCD:EX

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**From:** Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** December-09-13 11:29 AM  
**To:** s22  
**Cc:** Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX; MacDougall, Gerry L FLNR:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: COMMUNITY FOREST LICENSE. City of Williams Lake and Williams Lake Indian Band (201847)

Ref: 201847

December 9, 2013

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Steve Thomson  
Minister of Forests, Lands  
and Natural Resource Operations

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**CORRESPONDENCE**  
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**Weich, Rika I CSCD:EX**

**From:** Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 10, 2013 4:28 PM  
**To:** CSCD Minister's Correspondence Action Items CSCD:EX  
**Subject:** FW: COMMUNITY FOREST LICENSE. City of Williams lake and Williams Lake Indian Band (201847)

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Mike Pedersen, District Manager, Cariboo-Chilcotin Natural Resource District

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**Weich, Rika | CSCD:EX**

**From:** Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 4:30 PM  
**To:** CSCD Minister's Correspondence Action Items CSCD:EX  
**Subject:** FW: CFA Proposed Application (WLIB/City of WL) (201857)  
**Attachments:** CFA Letter to Minister.docx

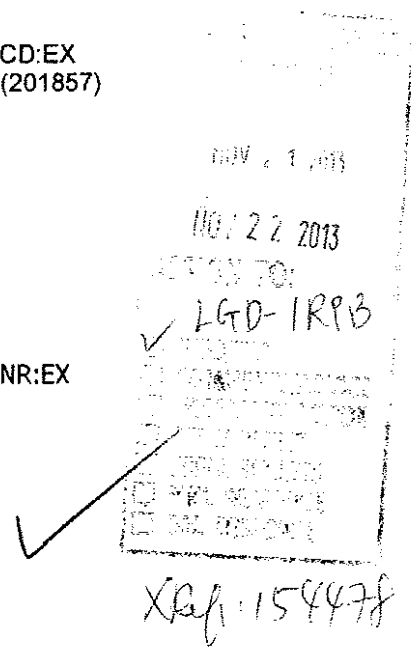
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**From:** Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 12:05 PM  
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**Cc:** Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX; MacDougall, Gerry L FLNR:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** RE: CFA Proposed Application (WLIB/City of WL) (201857)

Ref: 201857

November 20, 2013

s22



Dear s22 :

Thank you for your email of November 3, 2013, providing information concerning the issuance of a Community Forest Agreement (CFA) to the City of Williams Lake and the Williams Lake Indian Band.

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**From:** Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2013 8:40 AM  
**To:** CSCD Minister's Correspondence Action Items CSCD:EX  
**Subject:** FW: 201361: UBCM reply to the District of Lillooet  
**Attachments:** 201361 - FINAL.pdf

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**From:** Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 16, 2013 3:52 PM  
**To:** Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX; Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX; Dickenson, Kevin FLNR:EX; Meeks, Don FLNR:EX  
**Subject:** FW: 201361: UBCM reply to the District of Lillooet

Please find the enclosed letter to the District of Lillooet which you've been copied on.

Please note that the hard copy has just been mailed to the recipient today.

Thank you

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Ref: 201361

October 16, 2013

His Worship Mayor Dennis Bontron  
District of Lillooet  
P.O. Box 610  
Lillooet, British Columbia  
V0K 1V0

Dear Mayor Bontron:

Thank you for meeting with me on Monday, September 16 at the 2013 UBCM Convention to discuss the transfer of private land to Indian Reserve, Lillooet's boundary extension request, and Crown land acquisition.

I acknowledge your concerns with the potential loss of tax base and access if private land in your community is converted to Indian Reserve status. Although additions to Indian Reserve fall under federal jurisdiction, I understand that the views of local governments will be duly considered. I note your interest in improving the current conversion process. Ministry staff would be pleased to answer questions on the province's role or participate in further discussions with the federal government as required.

I recognize that boundary extensions expand communities' taxation base and that municipalities deserve to have their applications processed in a timely manner. The province aims to empower local governments to achieve their goals and create vibrant, sustainable communities where families can thrive. We will review the boundary expansion application when consulted by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development following its submission in November. In addition, ministry staff are determining whether they are able to provide assistance with mapping services.

With regard to the District's interest in acquiring Crown land parcels, a program is in place to make Crown land available for community and institutional uses to benefit the public, and we can consider proposals to purchase land at fair market value for commercial use. Regional staff in Kamloops will contact Lillooet officials in the near future to discuss parcels of interest.

Ministry of Forests, Lands and  
Natural Resource Operations

Office of the Minister

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Again, thank you for attending the meeting. I appreciated the opportunity to discuss these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Thomson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Steve Thomson  
Minister

pc: Honourable Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development  
Jackie Tegart, MLA Fraser-Nicola  
Richard Manwaring, Assistant Deputy Minister, South Area  
Kevin Dickenson, Regional Executive Director, Thompson Okanagan Region  
Don Meeks, Manager, Land Authorizations, Kamloops