

November 29, 2016

Ref: 169735

Her Worship Mayor Loranne Martin Councillor Rick Thompson Village of McBride Box 519 McBride BC VOJ 2E0

Dear Mayor Martin and Councillor Thompson:

Further to my telephone conversation with Mayor Martin on November 29, 2016, I am writing to let you know I am aware of the current circumstances within your community wherein your council no longer has quorum as a result of recent resignations of councillors.

In connection to this matter, please find enclosed a Minister's Order under section 129 of the *Community Charter* authorizing that together the two remaining council members of the Village of McBride Council constitute a quorum until the vacancies on Council are filled through a by-election.

The circumstances which have resulted in this Provincial intervention are highly unusual, and compel me to clearly articulate priorities for action by your Council until a by-election is held to fill the vacancies in office.

I have heard from the community that the issues that led to the council resignations are varied. I want to specifically comment that a successful way forward for the Village of McBride will depend on building new relationships as well as improving operations between Council, staff and the community.

Toward creating this necessary environmental change, and to help stabilize municipal operations during this period of transition, the Province will cover the cost of a Municipal Advisor who will work with the McBride Village staff and council and report back to the Inspector of Municipalities (the Inspector), Tara Faganello. The Inspector will provide me with periodic reports via the Municipal Advisor. The support of this Municipal Advisor will be in place over the next few months, until a by-election is held and a full council is in place, with the option of continuing once full council is formed.

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The mandate of the Municipal Advisor will be threefold:

- Determine the current status of municipal affairs, including respecting the current financial status and governance capacity of the Village, and identify immediate actions needed prior to the by-election, including to support the election process;
- 2. Identify the scope of Village practices and procedures; and
- 3. Support the community and council in the longer term by recommending to council, staff, the Inspector and the community a strategy for moving forward.

To appropriately launch these actions, I have asked that the Inspector meet with you in your community at her earliest convenience to provide you with additional information about the role of the Municipal Advisor and answer any questions you may have. Staff from her office will be in touch with you later this week to finalize arrangements. As well, the Inspector will be setting out in a letter to you some more detail about the expectations while council is acting as a "deemed quorum".

I also want to point out that Council must immediately take steps to appoint a Chief Election Officer (CEO) and Deputy Chief Election Officer to run the by-election. Once appointed, the CEO will set the date for the general election which must be on a Saturday no later than 80 days after the CEO is appointed. Again, given the nature of the circumstances requiring an Order, I have asked the Inspector to monitor the progress of Council toward meeting this priority.

Additionally, it is my expectation that Council's focus over the next few months will ONLY be on its statutory obligations and actions necessary to deliver and maintain services to the Village of McBride's citizens. In this regard, until the Council vacancies have been filled by a by-election, Council is strongly urged not to set any overall strategic or policy direction or make new decisions that could create legal or financial liabilities for the Village.

I trust that with these supports your council will be able to work collaboratively together during this time of transition, as well as with staff, the Municipal Advisor and the community to position the Village to move forward after the by-election has been held and a full council is in place. I must remind you and Councillor Thompson that order, civility and responsible conduct must prevail for the good of your community.

I recognize many questions may arise, and I assure you that ministry officials continue to be available to assist you with any questions you may have and on implementing these priorities.

Sincerely,

Peter Fassbender

Minister

# Mayor Martin and Councillor Thompson Page 3

pc: The Honourable Shirley Bond, MLA

Prince George - Valemount

Jacqueline Dawes Deputy Minister

Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

Tara Faganello

Inspector of Municipalities

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#### PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

# ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF COMMUNITY, SPORT AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSLINK

# Community Charter

WHEREAS pursuant to section 129(3)(a) of the Community Charter, if the number of members of a
council is reduced to less than a quorum, the minister may:

Ministerial Order No.

(a) order that the remaining members of the council constitute a quorum until persons are elected and take office to fill the vacancies;

AND WHEREAS on November 18, 2016, council size of the Village of McBride was reduced to two members, which is less than the majority of the five members of the council provided for under section 118(1)(c) of the *Community Charter*;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to section 129(1) of the *Community Charter*, a majority of the number of members of the council provided for under section 118 of that Act is required for quorum;

NOW THEREFORE I HEREBY ORDER, pursuant to section 129(3)(a) of the Community Charter, that:

The remaining two council members of the Village of McBride constitute a quorum until persons are elected and take office to fill the vacancies.

Date	Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for TransLink
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Act and Section: Section 129(3)(a) of th	e Community Charter
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From: <u>Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX</u> on behalf of <u>Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX</u>

To: \$.22

Cc: Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX

Subject: 169778: Village of McBride Governance Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:09:00 PM

Ref: 169778

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Email: s.22

cc: Jacquie.Dawes@gov.bc.ca

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To: s.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169778: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 12:24:00 PM

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Manager

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Fassbender.MLA, Peter < Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

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To: Fassbender.MLA, Peter < Peter. Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: jacqui.dawes@gov.bc.ca Subject: Village of McBride

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Subject: 169780: Village of McBride Governance
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:20:00 PM

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To: \$.22

Cc: Bond.MLA, Shirley LASS:EX; Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX

Subject: 169781: Village of McBride Governance Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 12:34:00 PM

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Jacquie.Dawes@gov.bc.ca

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From:

Dianne St. Jean <publisher@valley-sentinel.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 21, 2016 12:03 PM

To:

Fassbender.MLA, Peter LASS:EX

Subject:

McBride Council resignations

Dear Sir,

I am the publisher for The Valley Sentinel newspaper in Valemount. Our paper covers both Valemount and McBride.

I am working on an article concerning the situation in McBride.

Could you please provide a statement, or information on what options might be available in order for the McBride municipality to continue functioning?

I understand the decision would be primarily based on your assessment of the situation. Could you please outline this, and what factors you take into consideration to make the decision.

Regards,

Dianne St. Jean Publisher

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The Inspector has made it very clear to the deemed council quorum and CAO that the Province's goal is to ensure the ongoing stability and operation of the Village and that Council needs to address the issues that led to these recent events so that it can function respectfully and effectively in the future. The upcoming by-election will provide residents the opportunity to restore a balance to Council that will allow the Village to move forward with its goals for the coming years.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Peter Fassbender

Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

Minister Responsible for TransLink

From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of CSCD Correspondence Services CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169785: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 12:56:00 PM

Attachments: McBride Statement.pdf

### Dear s.22

Thank you for your email of November 21 2016, addressed to the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, regarding your operational concerns surrounding the Village of McBride Council. As Manager of Correspondence Services, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (CSCD), I am pleased to respond.

Your concerns are appreciated. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to Michelle Dann, Director of Advisory Services, CSCD, for her review and consideration.

As you may be aware, Minister Fassbender released a statement November 30, 2016, regarding the circumstances in the Village of McBride and the Province's commitment to working towards stable operations for the Village. A copy has been attached for your convenience. Once further details are finalized, additional information will be released.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Illingworth

Manager

Attached

pc: Michelle Dann, Director

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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: Minister, JTST JTST:EX; Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX

Subject: 169787: Village of McBride Governance Date: Monday, January 30, 2017 2:53:00 PM

Ref: 169787

s.22

Email: s.22

cc: <u>JTST.Minister@gov.bc.ca</u> <u>Jacquie.Dawes@gov.bc.ca</u>

Dears.22

Thank you for your email of November 21, 2016, expressing your concern over the resignation of three Councillors in the Village of McBride and the actions of Mayor Martin relative to the McBride Community Forest Corporation (MCFC). I also acknowledge your follow-up email of December 19, 2016, expressing concern over the process to appoint two directors to the MCFC Board. I can assure you that I am aware of the challenges facing McBride residents, and I have been working hard, along with Ministry officials, to help the Village move forward. I am pleased to be able to update you on the work that has been underway.

My primary objective has been to ensure that stability is restored to Village operations as soon as possible. This meant ensuring the Village had quorum and the authority to appoint the officials needed to start the by-election process to elect new councillors at the earliest opportunity. As you may know, on November 29, 2016, I signed a Ministerial Order to allow the remaining two members of council to constitute a quorum. I did not take this decision lightly; my specific objective was to ensure that council would be able to make the necessary decisions to manage day-to-day operations and to proceed with a by-election to fill the three vacancies. During this time of transition, I made it clear to the Mayor and remaining councillor that they must not make any long-term decisions, including any that create legal or financial liabilities for the Village. Their focus should be on decisions essential to sustaining the operations of government and on the appointment of a Chief Election Officer (CEO) and a Deputy Chief Election Officer (Deputy) to run the by-election.

It was also agreed with the Mayor and remaining Councillor that a "municipal advisor" be brought in, paid for by the Province of British Columbia, to work with Village council, staff and the community, to help stabilize municipal operations. The advisor will also provide long-term support to the community and council by recommending strategies for a successful and stable future. The Ministry has since appointed Isabell Hadford as the municipal advisor. Ms. Hadford has a wealth of experience as a former municipal Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) in British Columbia, and 25 years' experience in smaller, rural communities. Ms. Hadford started her work with the village immediately upon her appointment and is directly reporting to the Inspector of Municipalities.

On December 5, 2016, the Inspector met with council and staff to discuss the role of the advisor, emphasize expectations for the two-member council while they act in their limited capacity, and identify the necessary steps to appoint a CEO and Deputy to run the by-election. Council subsequently met on December 19, 2016, and appointed Karla Jensen, corporate officer, Regional

District of Fraser–Fort George, as the CEO; Ms. Hadford is serving as the Deputy. Under the *Local Government Act*, the by-election must be held within 80 days following the appointment of the CEO and as such, the by-election will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017. I strongly encourage you as a McBride resident to actively participate in the by-election by casting a ballot for those candidates you believe will best represent the values of your community.

Regarding your request that the Mayor be suspended from making decisions, I want to clarify that provincial legislation does not provide me with such authority. Further, as stated above, decision making is restricted until a full council is elected. Ms. Hadford will serve the important function of helping to stabilize municipal operations in the short-term and supporting practices for long-term confidence in the community. As an additional measure, I have asked the Inspector to closely monitor the situation and the Village's progress toward meeting the identified priorities. The Inspector has made it very clear to the Mayor, remaining councillor and CAO that the

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As you likely are aware, the MCFC is governed by its Articles of Incorporation and these Articles govern the conduct of the corporation and its shareholders, directors and officers. Government staff have provided advice to MCFC with respect to the need to modernize its Articles and it is my understanding that the MCFC Board of Directors is working with legal counsel to make revisions and ensure the Articles meet best practices for final submission and approval.

At this time, I believe the actions the Province is taking are ones that will help the Village of McBride restore stability, assist the community and provide its elected officials with a clear path to order and good government.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Peter Fassbender

Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

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To: s.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169787: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 1:02:00 PM

Attachments: McBride Statement.pdf

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Your concerns are appreciated. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to Michelle Dann, Director of Advisory Services, CSCD, for her review and consideration.

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Manager

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pc: Michelle Dann, Director

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From:

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Sent:

Monday, November 21, 2016 2:54 PM

To:

Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

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Sent: November 21, 2016 2:50 PM

To: Fassbender.MLA, Peter < Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca >; Bond.MLA, Shirley < Shirley.Bond.MLA@leg.bc.ca >;

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Tuesday, November 22, 2016 9:52 AM

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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: Minister, JTST JTST:EX; Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX

Subject: 169788: Village of McBride Governance Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:47:00 PM

Ref: 169788

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Email s.22

cc: <u>JTST.Minister@gov.bc.ca</u> <u>Jacquie.Dawes@gov.bc.ca</u>

Dear s.22

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Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Peter Fassbender

Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

Minister Responsible for TransLink

From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of CSCD Correspondence Services CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169788: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 1:41:00 PM

Attachments: McBride Statement.pdf

### Dear s.22

Thank you for your email of November 20 2016, addressed to the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, regarding your operational concerns surrounding the Village of McBride Council. As Manager of Correspondence Services, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (CSCD), I am pleased to respond.

Your concerns are appreciated. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to Michelle Dann, Director of Advisory Services, CSCD, for her review and consideration.

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Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Illingworth

Manager

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pc: Michelle Dann, Director

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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: Minister, JTST JTST:EX; "jmartin@rdffg.bc.ca"; Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX

Subject: 169789: Village of McBride Governance Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:59:00 PM

Ref: 169789

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Email: s.22

cc: <u>JTST.Minister@gov.bc.ca</u> <u>Jacquie.Dawes@gov.bc.ca</u> <u>jmartin@rdffg.bc.ca</u>

Dear s.22

Thank you for your email and attached letter of November 21, 2016, expressing your concern over the resignation of three Councillors in the Village of McBride (Village).

I can certainly appreciate that you are concerned over the Mayor and remaining Councillor being able to run the day-to-day operations of the Village. I also note your observation about the need to stabilize the current situation and your views that an investigation of both the Village and the McBride Community Forest Corporation's financial situation is warranted.

I can assure you that I am aware of the challenges that have been created for McBride residents. While it is unfortunate that the community found itself in the situation of being without quorum on their Village council, the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development is taking all necessary action to help the Village move forward.

My primary objective has been to ensure that stability is restored to Village operations as soon as possible. This meant ensuring the Village had quorum and the authority to appoint the officials needed to start the by-election process to elect new councillors at the earliest opportunity. As you may know, on November 29, 2016, I signed a Ministerial Order to allow the remaining two members of Council to constitute a quorum. I did not make this decision lightly; it was taken specifically to ensure that Council would be able to make the necessary decisions to proceed with a by-election to fill the three vacancies. During this time of transition, I made it clear to the Mayor and remaining Councillor that they must not make any long-term decisions, including any that create legal or financial liabilities for the Village. Their focus should only be on decisions essential to sustaining the operations of government and taking immediate steps to appoint a Chief Election Officer (CEO) and Deputy Chief Election Officer (Deputy) to run the by-election.

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On December 5, 2016, the Inspector met with Council and staff to discuss the role of the advisor, emphasize expectations for the two-member council while they act in their limited capacity, and

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I appreciate your suggestion regarding a government official/trustee to be appointed as an interim to stabilize the situation. However, that is not an option available to me under legislation. Ms. Hadford will serve the important function of stabilizing municipal operations in the short-term and supporting long-term confidence in the municipality. As an additional measure, I have asked the Inspector to monitor the situation and the Village's progress toward meeting the identified priorities to determine if any further action is needed.

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Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Peter Fassbender

Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

Minister Responsible for TransLink

From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of CSCD Correspondence Services CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169789: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 1:49:00 PM

Attachments: McBride Statement.pdf

#### Dear s.22

Thank you for your email of November 21 2016, addressed to the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, regarding your financial and operational concerns surrounding the Village of McBride Council. As Manager of Correspondence Services, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (CSCD), I am pleased to respond. Your concerns are appreciated. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to Michelle Dann, Director of Advisory Services, CSCD, for her review and consideration.

As you may be aware, Minister Fassbender released a statement November 30, 2016, regarding the circumstances in the Village of McBride and the Province's commitment to working towards stable operations for the Village. A copy has been attached for your convenience. Once further details are finalized, additional information will be released.

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Sincerely,

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Manager

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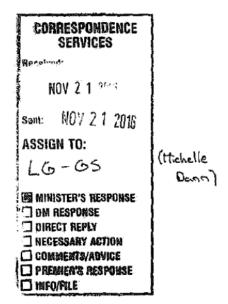
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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: Minister, ITST ITST:EX; Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX; "jmartin@rdffg.bc.ca"

Subject: 169790: Village of McBride Governance Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 2:12:00 PM

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cc: <u>JTST.Minister@gov.bc.ca</u> <u>Jacquie.Dawes@gov.bc.ca</u> <u>jmartin@rdffg.bc.ca</u>

Dear<sup>s.22</sup>

Thank you for your email of November 20, 2016, expressing your concern over the resignation of three Councillors in the Village of McBride (Village) as well as the list of resolutions you would like to see accomplished.

I can certainly appreciate that you are concerned over the Mayor and remaining Councillor being able to run the day-to-day operations of the Village. I also note your observation about the need to stabilize the current situation and your views that an investigation of both the Village and the McBride Community Forest Corporation's financial situation is warranted.

I can assure you that I am aware of the challenges that have been created for McBride residents. While it is unfortunate that the community found itself in the situation of being without quorum on their Village council, the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development is taking all necessary action to help the Village move forward.

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Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

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To: s.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169790: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 1:53:00 PM

Attachments: McBride Statement.pdf

#### Dears.22

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To: s.22

Cc: Minister, ITST ITST:EX; Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX; "imartin@rdffg.bc.ca"

Subject: 169794: Village of McBride Governance
Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 2:23:00 PM

Ref: 169794

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Email: s.22

cc: JTST.minister@gov.bc.ca Jacquie.dawes@gov.bc.ca jmartin@rdffg.bc.ca

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Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

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From: Nicholls. Barrie CSCD: EX on behalf of CSCD Correspondence Services CSCD: EX

To: \$.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169794: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 1:57:00 PM

Attachments: McBride Statement.pdf

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From:

Fassbender.MLA, Peter < Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 10:06 AM

To:

Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

Subject:

FW: McBride

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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: Minister, JTST JTST:EX

Subject: 169795: Village of McBride Governance Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 2:40:00 PM

Ref: 169795

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Email: s.22

cc: JTST.minister@gov.bc.ca

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To: \$.22

Cc: Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX; Bond.MLA, Shirley LASS:EX

Subject: 169795: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 2:15:00 PM

Attachments: McBride Statement.pdf

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Sent:

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 9:53 AM

To:

Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

Subject:

FW: McBride

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From: <u>Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX</u> on behalf of <u>Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX</u>

To: \$.22

Cc: Minister, JTST JTST:EX

Subject: 169796: Village of McBride Governance Date: Friday, January 13, 2017 2:53:00 PM

Ref: 169796

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Email: s.22

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Subject: 169796: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 2:22:00 PM

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To: \$.22

Cc: Minister, JTST JTST:EX

Subject: 169798: Village of McBride Governance Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 8:37:00 AM

Ref: 169798

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Email: s.22

cc:JTST.minister@gov.bc.ca

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Subject: 169798: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 2:27:00 PM

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pc: The Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training

Jacquie Dawes, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

Jim Martin, Chief Administrative Officer, Regional District of Fraser-Fort George

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Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

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To: s.22

Cc: Minister, ITST ITST:EX; Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX; "imartin@rdffg.bc.ca"

Subject: 169800: Village of McBride Governance Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 8:49:00 AM

Ref: 169800

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cc: <u>JTST.minister@gov.bc.ca</u> <u>Jacquie.Dawes@gov.bc.ca</u> <u>jmartin@rdffg.bc.ca</u>

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December 14, 2016

Ref: 169801

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# Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX

From:

Fassbender,MLA, Peter < Peter.Fassbender,MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 3:19 PM Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

To:

Subject:

FW: Fw:

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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Subject: 169805: Village of McBride Governance Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:08:00 AM

Ref: 169805

s.22

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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of CSCD Correspondence Services CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169805: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 2:45:00 PM

Attachments: McBride Statement.pdf

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From:

Faganello, Tara CSCD:EX

Sent:

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 7:25 PM

To:

Paget, Gary CSCD:EX; Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX; Guetta, Arielle CSCD:EX; CSCD

Correspondence Services

Subject:

Fwd: Re. Resignation of 3 councillors in the Village of McBride and lack of quorum to

continue on with local government business

Another...is like to discuss more some of these points...

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX" < Jacquie.Dawes@gov.bc.ca>

Date: November 22, 2016 at 7:20:39 PM PST

To: "Faganello, Tara CSCD:EX" < Tara.Faganello@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: "Gedney, Vanessa R CSCD:EX" < Vanessa. Gedney@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Fwd: Re. Resignation of 3 councillors in the Village of McBride and lack of

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To: \$.22

Cc: Bond.MLA, Shirley LASS:EX; Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX; "Imartin@rdffg.bc.ca"

Subject: 169807: Village of McBride Governance Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 11:38:00 AM

Ref: 169807

s.22

Email: s.22

cc: Shirley.Bond.mla@leg.bc.ca

Jacquie.Dawes@gov.bc.ca

Jmartin@rdffg.bc.ca

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As you likely are aware, the MCFC is governed by its Articles of Incorporation and these Articles govern the conduct of the corporation and its shareholders, directors and officers. Government staff have provided advice to MCFC with respect to the need to modernize its Articles and it is my understanding that the MCFC Board of Directors is working with legal counsel to make revisions and ensure the Articles meet best practices for final submission and approval.

If you have evidence to support your allegations of violations of provincial Acts, you would need to meet with local law enforcement officials so that the matter could be investigated. The courts are in the best position to adjudicate alleged offences, potential civil disputes and challenges to the legality or fairness of local government decisions and process.

At this time, I believe the actions the Province is taking are ones that will help the Village of McBride restore stability, assist the community and provide its elected officials with a clear path to order and good government.

Thank you again for writing.
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Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of CSCD Correspondence Services CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169807: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 2:49:00 PM

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Fassbender.MLA, Peter < Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 3:19 PM

To:

Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

Subject:

FW: McBride needs you help!

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To: s.22

Cc: Minister, ITST ITST:EX; Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX; "imartin@rdffg.bc.ca"

Subject: 169809: Village of McBride Governance Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:20:00 AM

Ref: 169809

s.22

Email: s.22

cc: <u>JTST.Minister@gov.bc.ca</u> <u>Jacquie.Dawes@gov.bc.ca</u> <u>jmartin@rdffg.bc.ca</u>

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To: s.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169809: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 2:53:00 PM

Attachments: McBride Statement.pdf

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From:

Fassbender.MLA, Peter < Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent:

Wednesday, November 23, 2016 11:36 AM

To:

Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

Subject: Attachments:

FW: McBride\_Resident\_Letter\_of\_Concern\_Nov16 McBride\_Resident\_Letter\_of\_Concern s. \_Nov16.PDF; McBride\_Resident\_Letter\_of\_Concern 22 \_Nov16.PDF

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To: \$.22

Cc: Bond.MLA, Shirley LASS:EX; Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX; "Imartin@rdffg.bc.ca"

Subject: 169817: Village of McBride Governance Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:33:00 AM

Ref: 169817

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cc:Shirley.Bond.MLA@leg.bc.ca Jacquie.Dawes@gov.bc.ca Jmartin@rdffg.bc.ca

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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of CSCD Correspondence Services CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169817: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 2:57:00 PM

Attachments: McBride Statement.pdf

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Manager

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pc: Michelle Dann, Director

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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: Bond.MLA, Shirley LASS:EX; Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX; "Imartin@rdffg.bc.ca"

Subject: 169834: Village of McBride Governance
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:45:00 AM

Ref: 169834

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Email: s.22

cc: Shirley.Bond.MLA@leg.bc.ca
Jacquie.Dawes@gov.bc.ca

Jmartin@rdffg.bc.ca

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Peter Fassbender

Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of CSCD Correspondence Services CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169834: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 3:09:00 PM

Attachments: McBride Statement.pdf

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Attached

pc: Michelle Dann, Director

From:

Fassbender.MLA, Peter < Peter. Fassbender. MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent:

Thursday, November 24, 2016 12:13 PM

To:

Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

Subject:

FW: Village Council situation McBride, BC

Attachments:

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CORRESPONDENCE SERVICES Received-NOV 2 4 2015 Sent: NOV 2 4 2016 **ASSIGN TO:** (Michelle LG-65 Dann) MINISTER'S RESPONSE DM RESPONSE DIRECT REPLY I NECESSARY ACTION COMMENTS/ADVICE PREMIER'S RESPONSE I INFO/FILE

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From: <u>Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX</u> on behalf of <u>Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX</u>

To: s.22

Cc: Bond.MLA, Shirley LASS:EX

Subject: 169836: Village of McBride Governance Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 9:57:00 AM

Ref: 169836

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Email: s.22

cc:Shirley.Bond.MLA@leg.bc.ca

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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of CSCD Correspondence Services CSCD:EX

To: s.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169836: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 3:13:00 PM

Attachments: McBride Statement.pdf

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# Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX

169845

From:

Fassbender.MLA, Peter < Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent:

Friday, November 25, 2016 10:37 AM

To:

Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

Subject:

FW: The pitfalls of Mcbride

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From: <u>Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX</u> on behalf of <u>Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX</u>

To: s.22

Subject: 169845: Village of McBride Governance
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 11:22:00 AM

Ref: 169845

s.22

Email: s.22 Dear s.22

Thank you for your email of November 25, 2016, expressing your concern over the resignation of three Councillors in the Village of McBride (Village).

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Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

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# Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX

169870

From:

Fassbender.MLA, Peter < Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent:

Monday, November 28, 2016 3:37 PM

To:

Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

Subject:

FW: McBride Community Foundation

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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX on behalf of Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

To: \$.22

Subject: 169870: Village of McBride Governance
Date: Monday, January 16, 2017 10:14:00 AM

Ref: 169870

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Email: \$.22

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To: s.22

Cc: <u>Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX</u>
Subject: 169870: Village of McBride

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 3:20:00 PM

Attachments: McBride Statement.pdf

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pc: Michelle Dann, Director



# Corporation of the Village of McBride

P.O. Box 519 McBride, B.C. V0J 2E0

Phone: 569-2229

Fax: 569-3276

**NOVEMBER 23, 2016** 

Minister Fassbender Room 310, Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Fassbender,

Please find attached copies of the resignation of three Councillors of the Village of McBride. Councillors Reichert, Bezanson and Tracy resigned their positions Friday, November 18, 2016. These resignations have left the Village of McBride unable to carry out the business of the municipality due to lack of quorum.

The undersigned respectfully request that as per the Community Charter Section 129; the Minister issue a temporary order of quorum that the remaining members of the council constitute a quorum until persons are elected and take office to fill the vacancies.

Thank you for your consideration in this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Loranne Martin

Kelley M. Williams CAO/CO

Councillor Eric Thompson

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY, SPORT AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER'S OFFICE

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November 18th, 2016

Village of McBride, 100 Robson Centre, McBride, B.C. VoJ 2E0 NOV 1 8 2016
VILLAGE OF MCBRIDE

Attention: Kelley Williams MSc,
Chief Administrative Officer

RE: Councillor Sharon Reichert Letter of Resignation

For the best of our community, I, Sharon Reichert, can not continue to participate any further on council effective, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

I have been proud to serve our community for the last two years and with great sorrow, I must resign from my position on council.

Respectfully,

Sharon Reichert

Date Rece

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Attention: Kelley Williams MSc, Chief Administrative Officer

RE: Councillor Ralph Bezanson
Letter of Resignation

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Respectfully,

Ralph Bezanson

Kelley Williams - CAO

Date Received

November 18th, 2016

Village of McBride, 100 Robson Centre, McBride, B.C. VOJ 2E0 NOV 1 8 2016
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Attention: Kelley Williams MSc, Chief Administrative Officer

RE: Councillor Edith Tracy Letter of Resignation

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Respectfully,

Edith Tracy

Kelley Williams – CAO

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From: CSCD Correspondence Services CSCD:EX Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 1:02 PM

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Cc: Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX

Subject: 169787: Village of McBride

Dear s.22

Thank you for your email of November 21 2016, addressed to the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, regarding your desire for an internal review of the Village of McBride Council. As Manager of Correspondence Services, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (CSCD), I am pleased to respond.

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pc: Michelle Dann, Director

From: Fassbender.MLA, Peter LASS:EX
To: Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

Subject: 170229 FW: Village of McBride Government Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 10:22:16 AM

From: Fassbender.MLA, Peter LASS:EX
To: Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

Subject: 170335 FW: McBride Community Foundation Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 9:14:17 AM

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From: Fassbender.MLA, Peter LASS:EX

To: Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

Subject: 204991 Village of McBride, B.C.

Date: Monday, February 6, 2017 11:01:45 AM

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 From:
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 To:
 Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

 Subject:
 205005 Came to MLA inbox

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 10:44:10 AM

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From: peter.fassbender.mla@leg.bc.ca [mailto:peter.fassbender.mla@leg.bc.ca]

Sent: February 8, 2017 8:50 AM

To: Fassbender.MLA, Peter < <a href="Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca">Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca</a> Subject: New submission from Contact Your Constituency

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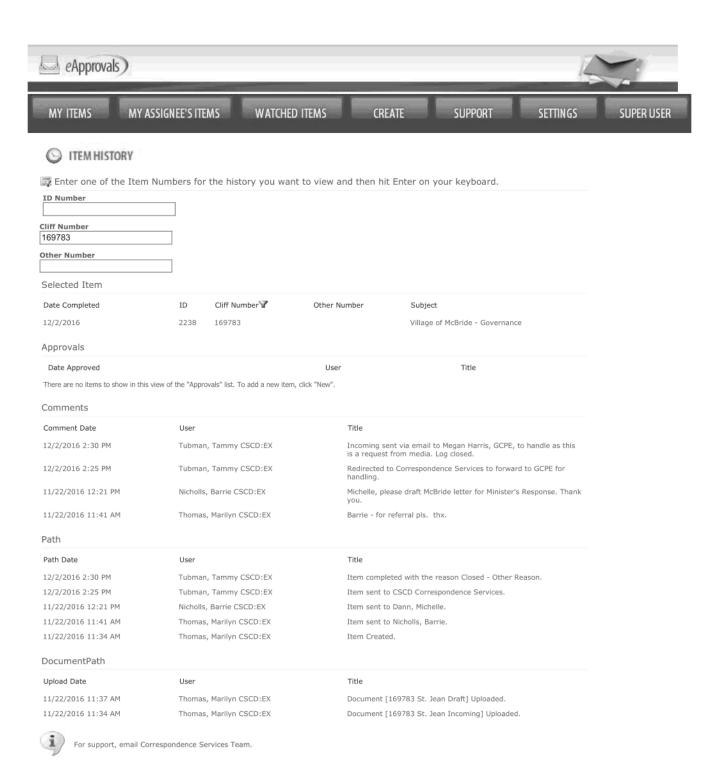
# Comments & Feedback

Dear Minister Fassbender, February 8th, 2017

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From: Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX Sent: November 18, 2016 6:52 PM

**To** s.22

Subject: Re: HEADS UP - McBride Council Update

Hellos.22

This is to confirm I have received your email.

Michelle

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From: Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX Sent: November 18, 2016 6:52 PM

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Subject: Re: HEADS UP - McBride Council Update

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This is to confirm I have received your email.

Michelle

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 18, 2016, at 3:48 PM, \$.22

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# Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX

From:

Fassbender.MLA, Peter < Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 9:52 AM

To:

Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX

Subject:

FW: Village of McBride Government

Attachments:

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Village of McBride, 100 Robson Centre, McBride, B.C. VoJ 2E0

Attention: Kelley Williams MSc, Chief Administrative Officer

RE: Councillor Ralph Bezanson Letter of Resignation

For the best of our community, I, Ralph Bezanson, can not co participate any further on council effective, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2

I have been proud to serve our community for the last two ye great sorrow, I must resign from my position on council.

Respectfully,

Ralph Bezanson

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VILLAGE OF MCI

Village of McBride, 100 Robson Centre, McBride, B.C. VoJ 2E0

Attention: Kelley Williams MSc,

Chief Administrative Officer

RE: Councillor Sharon Reichert

Letter of Resignation

For the best of our community, I, Sharon Reichert, can not continue participate any further on council effective, November 18th, 2016.

I have been proud to serve our community for the last two years and great sorrow, I must resign from my position on council.

Respectfully,

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Sharon Reichert

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Village of McBride, 100 Robson Centre, McBride, B.C. VoJ 2E0

Attention: Kelley Williams MSc, Chief Administrative Officer

RE: Councillor Edith Tracy
Letter of Resignation

For the best of our community, I, Edith Tracy, can not continue to participate any further on council effective, November 18th, 2016.

I have been proud to serve our community for the last two years an great sorrow, I must resign from my position on council.

Respectfully,

Edith Tracy

**Edith Tracy** 

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Kellen Williams - CAO

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Tubman, Tammy CSCD:EX s.22

Respond under 169787

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Received:

From: CSCD Correspondence Services CSCD:EX Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 1:02 PM

To:s.22

Cc: Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX

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Subject: 169787: Village of McBride

Dear s.22

Thank you for your email of November 21 2016, addressed to the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, regarding your desire for an internal review of the Village of McBride Council. As Manager of Correspondence Services, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (CSCD), I am pleased to respond.

Your concerns are appreciated. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to Michelle Dann, Director of Advisory Services, CSCD, for her review and consideration.

As you may be aware, Minister Fassbender released a statement November 30, 2016, regarding the circumstances in the Village of McBride and the Province's commitment to working towards stable operations for the Village. A copy has been attached for your convenience. Once further details are finalized, additional information will be released.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Illingworth Manager

Attached

pc: Michelle Dann, Director

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 From:
 Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX

 To:
 Smith, Laura CSCD:EX

 Cc:
 Marson, Michael CSCD:EX

 Subject:
 FW: 170500 FOLLOW UP - McBride

 Date:
 Monday, January 23, 2017 1:53:41 PM

Hi Laura – could you please cliff and upload to e-approvals as a direct reply.

Thanks Michelle

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Sent: November 18, 2016 6:52 PM

To s.22

Subject: Re: HEADS UP - McBride Council Update

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This is to confirm I have received your email.

Michelle

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 18, 2016, at 3:48 PM s.22

> Hi!

> For your information and records.
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From: Dann, Michelle CSCD:EX < Michelle.Dann@gov.bc.ca>

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From: Gedney, Vanessa R CSCD:EX
To: FOI Economy Sector CSCD:EX

Subject: FW: FOI Request - CSC-2017-70707 Village of McBride

Date: Friday, February 24, 2017 6:22:32 PM
Attachments: 169799 s.22 Interim Response.pdf

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 Signed Final.pdf

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From: Nicholls, Barrie CSCD:EX

Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 8:48 AM

To: Gedney, Vanessa R CSCD:EX

Cc: Tubman, Tammy CSCD:EX; Illingworth, Jeanne CSCD:EX

Subject: FOI Request

See attached

From: Gedney, Vanessa R CSCD:EX

To: FOI Economy Sector CSCD:EX

Subject: FW: FOI request (1st of 2 batches) - CSC-2017-70707 Village of McBride

Date: Friday, February 24, 2017 6:09:53 PM
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169870 Village of McBride Governance.msg 170027 s.22 <u>Incoming.pdf</u>

From: Walle, Aggie CSCD:EX

Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 8:50 AM

To: Gedney, Vanessa R CSCD:EX

Cc: Tubman, Tammy CSCD:EX; Illingworth, Jeanne CSCD:EX

**Subject:** FOI request (1st of 2 batches)

Hi Vanessa,

Attached please see the McBride incomings, signed finals and interim responses.

Aggie Walle
Correspondence Clerk | Correspondence Services
Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
2nd Floor – 800 Johnson Street | Victoria, BC | V8W 9W1 | 778 698-3570



# **STATEMENT**

For Immediate Release 2016CSCD0064-002547 Nov. 30, 2016

Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

### Village of McBride council

VICTORIA – Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, has issued the following statement regarding the recent resignations from the Village of McBride council:

"It is unfortunate the community has found itself in the situation of being without quorum on their village council. However, the ministry is taking all necessary action to help McBride move forward. We recognize that a number of serious concerns have been raised within the community, and this is why restoring stability is my immediate priority by taking the following steps:

- On Nov. 29, I signed a Ministerial Order that allows the remaining two members of council to constitute a quorum until persons are elected and take office to fill the vacancies.
- During this time of transition, the mayor and the remaining council member have been advised to not make any long-term decisions, including any that create legal or financial liabilities for the village. Their focus should only be on decisions essential to sustaining the operations of government.
- Council must take immediate steps to appoint a chief electoral officer (CEO) and deputy
  chief election officer to run the by-election. Once appointed, the date for the general
  election is to fall on a Saturday and be no later than 80 days after the CEO is appointed.
- A municipal advisor will be brought in, paid for by the Province, to work with McBride
  village staff, council and the community to help stabilize municipal operations in the
  short term. The advisor will also support the community and council in the long term by
  recommending strategies for a successful and stable future.
- The inspector of municipalities will attend in McBride to meet with council and staff to
  provide them with additional information about the role of the municipal advisor, who
  will report back to her, and to further emphasize my expectations of council while they
  act in their limited capacity.

"It is imperative that there is a clear path to order and good government so that community members interested in stepping forward as candidates in the by-election will have confidence in their road ahead."

#### **Media Contact:**

Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development 250 882-8013 Connect with the Province of B.C. at: www.gov.bc.ca/connect

## Dick, Joan L CSCD:EX

From:

Sandur, Parveen CSCD:EX

Sent:

Wednesday, November 23, 2016 5:20 PM

To:

Fassbender, Peter CSCD:EX

Cc: Subject: Dick, Joan L CSCD:EX FW: McBride Situation!!

FYI Minister.

Regards, Parveen

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### Dick, Joan L CSCD:EX

From:

PETER FASSBENDER \$.22

Sent:

Monday, November 28, 2016 3:55 PM

To:

Faganello, Tara CSCD:EX; Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX

Cc:

Sandur, Parveen CSCD:EX; Dick, Joan L CSCD:EX

Subject:

Fwd: McBride Community Foundation

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# Begin forwarded message:

From: "Fassbender.MLA, Peter" < Peter.Fassbender.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Date: November 28, 2016 at 3:36:45 PM PST

To: "Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX" < CSCD.minister@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: McBride Community Foundation

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