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Hi Alissa,  
Can we get information about this ALR decision?  
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Please find attached a letter from Chief Corrina Leween, President of Carrier Sekani Family Services regarding Essential CSFS Indigenous healing facility – Province stands in the way. Please feel free to contact Warner Adam at [Warner@csfs.org](mailto:Warner@csfs.org) or Chief Leween at [cleween@cheslatta.com](mailto:cleween@cheslatta.com).

Thank you in advance

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Dear Ministers:

**Re: Essential CSFS Indigenous healing facility – Province stands in the way**

I am writing to call to your attention a troubling decision made by the Agricultural Land Commission North Panel on February 26, 2021<sup>1</sup> (the “**Decision**”) to deny a non-farm use exemption application by Carrier Sekani Family Services (“**CSFS**”) to build an Indigenous **Healing/Treatment Facility** at a property near Vanderhoof (the “**Tachick Lake Property**”). The Property is the only suitable property in the region that meets the criteria necessary for the vision for this urgently needed Facility.

The Decision fails to uphold your government’s commitments to address the opioid crisis on an urgent basis, to close the systemic gaps in medical and health services for First Nations people in the north, to implement the TRC Calls to Action, and to honour the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. On behalf of the CSFS Board of Directors, I am urging you to take action to address this matter.

**The planned Healing/Treatment Facility**

For close to 20 years, CSFS has been calling on governments to address the need for a residential treatment facility for addictions and mental health in our region. As Minister Malcolmson and your cabinet colleague, the Honourable Minister Adrian Dix are aware, CSFS has a comprehensive plan to

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build and operate a new medically-based and culturally-appropriate 60-bed facility (the “**Healing/Treatment Facility**”) to fill that gap. Our plan has received support and commitment of resources from First Nations Health Authority and Indigenous Services Canada to ensure that the Facility can be built and begin to operate as soon as possible. We are optimistic that our discussions with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions scheduled for March 9, 2021 will result in additional resources being committed to reinforce the Province’s general support for the Facility.

### **Why the Tachick Lake Resort was selected**

CSFS’s selection of the Tachick Lake Property for the Healing/Treatment Facility was taken after extensive search and due diligence for a suitable location over many years. We summarized the results of that due diligence to the ALC North Panel as part of our application, including summarizing the feasibility assessments of various alternative locations, many of which were outside of the ALR.

The due diligence work supported a conclusion that, despite being within the ALR, the Tachick Lake Property was the best and most suitable location for the Healing/Treatment Facility. The Property meets our needs because:

- The location offers a private rural setting yet is still within relatively short distance to Prince George and its hospital facilities, a major consideration for attracting and retaining medical professionals.
- The high-quality natural setting and direct access to a body of water supports the planned service model that is rooted in Carrier and Sekani cultures and practices. Water is a central feature in Carrier Sekani traditional healing practices and access to a natural water source is fundamental to the Facility’s success in delivering culturally appropriate medical treatment.
- The Property has never been used for agricultural purposes and is currently a recreational resort. Many of the Property’s existing structures and services could be utilized in support of the Facility, minimizing the need for greenfield development.
- The Property being outside of reserve land allows for security of fee simple ownership and a more streamlined development process.

Based on this conclusion, CSFS entered into a contract to purchase the Tachick Lake Property in July of 2020, applied to the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako to amend its land use zoning bylaw in August, and filed an application for non-farm use with the ALC in October.

### **Support for an ALC exemption**

The ALC Application for approval of a non-farm use was supported by the following facts:

- As noted, to the best of our knowledge, the Property has never been farmed.
- The Property currently houses a resort and campground business, with a sizeable lodge and several outbuildings. The use of the Property as a resort and fishing lodge goes back to at least the 1950s and is a grandfathered use under the ALC Act, which the ALC North Panel acknowledged in the Decision.
- CSFS’s proposal minimizes the impact to the Property. The proposed new 25,000 sq. ft. building and 4,300 sq. ft. parking lot that would be situated on the cleared part of the Property that is

currently used as a resort/campground. The remainder of the Property, most of which is in a natural state, would be undisturbed or minimally impacted.

- CSFS's proposal received a positive recommendation from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. The Regional District Council recognized the critical, local need for the Facility to serve the area's residents and has indicated an intention to amend its zoning bylaw to add a community care facility as an approved use of the Property.
- CSFS's proposal was supported by Saik'uz First Nation, whose primary reserve is less than 10km away, and who also recognize the fundamental need for the Facility in the region. Additionally, the CSFS Board, consisting of representatives from Saik'uz and the other 10 members of CSFS (each CSFS member is a Carrier/Sekani First Nation), support the proposal.

The Decision purports to allow CSFS to use the existing resort and campground structures for a treatment centre, but denies CSFS an exemption to construct any new buildings. It is absurd to suggest that a modern medical residential treatment facility could operate in a lodge and cabins designed for recreational use. In effect, the Decision denies CSFS the possibility of building the Healing/Treatment Facility on the Property.

CSFS and our constituents in the region are being denied the ability to utilize a Property that has not been farmed for an essential purpose that maintains most of the property in its natural state while fulfilling an urgent need for Indigenous health services. We are calling on you Ministers to find a mechanism to allow this facility to be built on a site that is well-suited to this purpose.

### **Urgent action is required**

It goes without saying that it is incredibly important for all levels of governments to take urgent and sustained action to address the opioid crisis. This crisis is disproportionately impacting our First Nations communities in the north, with preventable deaths occurring far too frequently. The Covid-19 pandemic is exacerbating these impacts, as at-risk Indigenous individuals and families face isolation that makes it even more difficult to heal from and resolve addiction. Indeed, just one week ago, two individuals died of accidental overdose only a few kilometers away from the Tachick Lake Property. We are in the midst of a tragedy for Indigenous health and well-being.

As recently highlighted by Mary Ellen Turpel Lafond in her report "In Plain Sight", this province is in desperate need of medical facilities and services that do not perpetuate the anti-Indigenous racism that is pervasive in our health care system. CSFS's Healing/Treatment Facility is precisely the kind of infrastructure and treatment model that can address this need.

The steps taken by this government to address the opioid crisis are not enough; and, they exclude the power and dignity that comes from First Nations supporting and healing their own people with the support and respect of other levels of government. Your government must also be willing to support the efforts of Indigenous organizations to tackle these issues at the local and regional level.

We urge you to take swift action to authorize and allow the Healing/Treatment Facility to be built and operate. If it is in your power to have the Decision reconsidered, then do so. Otherwise, we want to know how you can assist in making this happen. The Decision currently will have the effect greatly delay

the Healing/Treatment Facility—a delay that would likely result in further loss of Indigenous life. It is unimaginable that this result could be justified by “protecting” a tiny fraction of marginal agricultural land from development on a property that will likely never be farmed.

We are looking to you to fulfil your Ministerial Mandates to advance reconciliation and your government’s commitments to addressing the opioid crisis, responding to the TRC Calls to Action and implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Please note that CSFS has spent a lot of time and money following the processes related to the ALC and their decision will have consequences.

As a first step, I would request that your office make time available immediately, and no later than next week (March 8 - 12), to meet with Warner Adam, Chief Executive Officer of CSFS, to discuss how to resolve this pressing issue.

I look forward to hearing from your office.

Regards,



Chief Corrina Leween

President, Carrier Sekani Family Services

cc Warner Adam, CEO, Carrier Sekani Family Services  
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Hi Sam,

Would you be able to get more info on the below?

Feel free to give me a call.

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Jason – can you ask the MO for some info on this?

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Here's the IN from AFF on the Tachick Lake application.

### Exec Summary:

- Proponents applied to the ALC to build a treatment facility on the Tachick Lake Resort lands. The property has been used as a resort since before the creation of the ALR (pre-1972) and has never been actively farmed.
- ALC denied the application to build a 25,000 sq/ft treatment centre, but did allow the applicants to use the current on-site buildings for non-farm use. (the 2000 sq/ft main lodge and 10 additional cabins)
- They cited potential agricultural capacity on the land, and the viability of near by parcels as the reason for denial. The soil is currently classified as 5x (Class 1 being the best, class 7 being unviable), which means with improvement through soil management measures, it has low capacity for anything other than forage crops due to the climate and nutrient make up.
- The applicant has 90 days to apply for a re-consideration.

Jason Craik  
Issues Manager

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Hi Kelly, here is an IN on the issue in QP right now. Just making sure you folks have it.

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With one late bullet from MMHA added in.

Also heard MMHA Min Malcomson is meeting with Carrier Sekani reps tomorrow

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## ADVICE TO MINISTER

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE</b></p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture Date: March 5, 2021</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALC – Tachick Lake Lodge – Community Care Facility</b></p>
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### ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- **Decisions on land use applications within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) are up to the Agriculture Land Commission (ALC).**
- **The ALC is an administrative tribunal – arm’s length from government – and government does not interfere in that independent decision-making process.**
- **The ALC looks at many factors when carrying out its mandate and each application has its own distinct set of circumstances and is considered on its own merits.**
- **In this decision, the ALC approved the use of the existing 185-square meter building and 10 cabins for a Community Care Facility, but did not approve the construction of a new 2300-square-meter building and a 400 square metre parking lot, noting their mandate of preserving the Agricultural Land Reserve and encouraging farming.**
- **Persons affected by a decision of the Commission may request reconsideration under section 33 of the ALC Act if all or part of a decision was based on incorrect information or evidence that was not available at the time becomes available that could not have been available through the exercise of due diligence**

### Government Support for Recovery Homes:

- **Our government is working as quickly as possible to build the system of mental health and addictions care that British Columbians deserve – from the ground up.**

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- **However, there is no such thing as a one-size-fits-all treatment and recovery model for people living with mental health and substance use challenges.**
- **Options are key to meeting people where they're at and making sure they can access treatment and recovery services that are appropriate for their unique circumstances.**
- **We will continue to increase options for people by adding more publicly funded treatment and recovery beds, providing more oversight and training to the supportive recovery sector, increasing access to prescription alternatives to the toxic drug supply and investing in complex care housing that meets people's unique needs.**
- **Our government has made important investment to support Indigenous-led solutions, including the construction of new First Nation-run treatment centres across the province. We are committed to working with partners to find solutions to ensure these projects meet the needs of First Nations people experiencing mental health and substance use challenges.**

## BACKGROUND

On Feb.26, the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) declined a non-farm use application by Carrier Sekani Family Services to build a 25,000 square-foot (2323 square metre) Community Care Facility and 400 square metre parking lot on a property near Vanderhoof. The property has operated as Tachik Lake Lodge since prior to the creation of the ALR and includes a 185 m2 main lodge and restaurant and 10 cabins, which the applicants had wished to convert to staff housing.

The proposed Community Care Facility would have been a year-round residential treatment centre that would provide mental health and addiction recovery services to up to 60 people. The facility would be run by Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) which has entered into an agreement to purchase the property subject to ALR approval and rezoning.

In their decision, the ALC stated "While the Panel appreciates the social benefits of the Proposal, the Panel must consider the mandate of the Commission, as set under s. 6 of the ALCA: to preserve agricultural land and encourage farming on agricultural land."

And:

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“the Panel recognized that the existing resort is a longstanding non-farm use, and is prepared to permit an alternate proposal to use the existing buildings on the Property for a Community Care Facility...”

The decision noted the property has secondary agricultural capability and that neighbouring parcels of similar agricultural capability are farmed, and:

“Ministry of Agriculture staff submitted comments to the RDBN, identifying concerns with the location of the proposal within an active farming area, including:

- Potential conflicts between the proposal and surrounding farming uses (including noise, dust, or odours), which may not always be in accord with the pursuit of a tranquil setting and may become a source of frustration.
- Non-agricultural uses typically have an option to be located outside of the ALR or an existing farming area, while farms typically don't. Long-term access to land in the ALR for farming is in the interest of agriculture and food security.

AFF Staff also acknowledged the existing site development and the community importance of gaining such an amenity and recommended if the proposal is approved, that any development be limited to areas previously disturbed, and sited and sized to minimize the impact on arable land.”

On March 4, Chief Corinna Leween, President of Carrier Sekani Family Services sent a letter to several ministers asking them to take action and stating the decision fails to uphold government commitments to address the opioid crisis on an urgent basis, to close the systemic gaps in medical and health services for First Nations people in the north, to implement the TRC Calls to Action and to honour the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The proposal also received support from the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako which indicated an intention to amend its zoning bylaw to add a community care facility as an approved use of the property.

The ALC is an independent administrative tribunal comprised of appointed Commissioners that are responsible for administering the Agricultural Land Commission Act (ALCA). The purposes of the ALC as set out in Section 6 of the Act are:

- to preserve the Agricultural Land Reserve;
- to encourage farming in collaboration with other communities of interest; and
- to encourage local governments, First Nations, the government and its agents to enable and accommodate farm use of agricultural land and uses compatible with agriculture in their plans, bylaws and policies.

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Hi Amber,

Attached is the IN put together by AFF/MMHA with some further details but will be updated after the meeting DM Ethier has with the Carrier-Sekani leadership tomorrow. Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Jason  
250-812-8091

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**From:** Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 15, 2021 3:30 PM  
**To:** Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Newhook, Kelly MMHA:EX <Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca>; Craik, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: ALC File 61143

Yes. Jason Craik is working on this as well and provided an Issues Note. Our DM is meeting with them tomorrow morning.....

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2021, at 3:16 PM, Nash, Amber PREM:EX <[Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Samuel,

PJH is looking for more information regarding this issue Shirley Bond Raised in QP today.

RE: Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) is seeking approval of a community care facility at the Tachik Lake Resort located within the traditional territory of the Saik'uz First Nation southwest of Vanderhoof.  
Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako approved, pending approval from ALC.

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Would you be able to assist in providing more info on this?

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**Amber Nash**  
*Director of Executive Operations & Scheduling*  
*Office of the Premier | Government of British Columbia*  
501 Belleville St, Victoria, BC V8V 2L8  
Direct: 778-974-6068 | Cell: 778-584-3330

## RE: Media Request on Carrier Sekani ALC decision

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From: Olson, Michael GCPE:EX <Michael.Olson@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX, Newhook, Kelly MMHA:EX, Barrett, Andrew MMHA:EX  
Cc: Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX  
Sent: March 15, 2021 5:08:39 PM PDT  
Received: March 15, 2021 5:08:40 PM PDT

Hi all, s.13

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**From:** Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 15, 2021 4:17 PM  
**To:** Newhook, Kelly MMHA:EX ; Barrett, Andrew MMHA:EX ; Olson, Michael GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Media Request on Carrier Sekani ALC decision  
Hi see below. Kelly is there anything else we can add?

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**From:** Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 15, 2021 4:15 PM  
**To:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX <[Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request on Carrier Sekani ALC decision  
The Minister met with the Chief on March 9.

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**To:** Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX <[Eric.Berndt@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Eric.Berndt@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Media Request on Carrier Sekani ALC decision  
Eric – are you up on this one and the meeting between MSM and the Chief? I caught most of QP today but missed a few parts....  
HZ

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**From:** Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX <[Dave.H.Townsend@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Dave.H.Townsend@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** March 15, 2021 4:04 PM  
**To:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX <[Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX <[Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca)>; Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <[Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Media Request on Carrier Sekani ALC decision

Hey Heidi,

Hope you're doing well!

Just wanted to ensure MMHA is good with this suggested response. s.13

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' Thanks.

Reporter

Andrew MacLeod, Reporter

The Tyee

[amacleod@thetyee.ca](mailto:amacleod@thetyee.ca)

250-885-7662

Deadline ASAP

## Request

The reporter is following up on a topic in today's question period. On Feb.26, the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) declined a non-farm use application by Carrier Sekani Family Services to build a 25,000 square-foot Community Care Facility and 400 square metre parking lot on a property near Vanderhoof. The proposed Community Care Facility would have been a year-round residential treatment centre that would provide mental health and addiction recovery services to up to 60 people. The facility would be run by Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) which has entered into an agreement to purchase the property subject to ALR approval and rezoning.

The reporter is wondering if the Minister or AFF has any comments on the ruling.

## Recommendation

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## Re: SCRUM REQUEST: Lana Popham

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From: Craik, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX  
Cc: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX  
Sent: March 16, 2021 7:12:34 AM PDT  
Received: March 16, 2021 7:12:34 AM PDT

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Thanks,  
Brian

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**Cc:** "Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX" <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: SCRUM REQUEST: Lana Popham

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**George Smith** (he/him)  
**Deputy Communications Director**  
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**To:** "Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX" <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>, "Smith, George PREM:EX" <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** SCRUM REQUEST: Lana Popham

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Hi Lindsay and George—

This is to request a scrum with Minister Popham Tuesday.  
Alternatively, she could call me at 250 885-7662.

Thank you!  
Andrew

## RE: SCRUM REQUEST: Lana Popham

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To: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX  
Cc: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX  
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The MMHA issues manager and I are working on updating the QP note with some KM's that can be used for the interview. I'll add some of the language below. Hope to have it for you folks shortly.

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**Subject:** RE: SCRUM REQUEST: Lana Popham

Here is what MMHA wanted us to go with – Dave is just running through Tom and Jenn too. My question to  
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## Draft note

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From: Craik, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Olson, Michael GCPE:EX  
Cc: Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
Sent: March 16, 2021 8:51:45 AM PDT  
Received: March 16, 2021 8:51:00 AM PDT  
Attachments: 2021.03.16 QP AFF - Tachick Lake Lodge.ALC - DRAFT.docx

Hi Michael,

I've put together a quick note on the ALC decision. Its more focused on the AFF side of it, in prep for the interview today, but maybe its helpful for your note.

Jason Craik  
Issues Manager

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# Tachick Lake Lodge/ALC Application

## Highlights:

- On Feb.26, the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) declined a non-farm use application by Carrier Sekani Family Services to build a 25,000 square-foot (2323 square metre) Community Care Facility.

## Main Message:

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- As the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions said in the legislature yesterday, decisions on land use applications within the Agricultural Land Reserve are made by the Agriculture Land Commission.
- The ALC is an administrative tribunal that is arm's length from government.
- The government is committed to ensuring treatment services for mental health and addictions are available in all regions of the province.
- We are working with the Carrier Sekani Family Services to identify solutions to this situation and help ensure the development of a year-round residential treatment facility.

**If asked why Ministry of Agriculture staff would be against this proposal:**

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- Ministry staff are often asked to comment on the agricultural capacity of land involved in applications to the ALC.
- After assessing the agricultural potential of the land in question, staff then make recommendations based on whether the land is viable for farm use or not.
- They are not asked to consider the merit of the application when making their recommendation, only whether the land is viable for farming or not.
- My colleagues and I will continue working with the Carrier Sekani Family Services to identify solutions to this situation and help ensure the development of a year-round residential treatment facility.

## **Government Support for Recovery Homes:**

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- Our government is working as quickly as possible to build the system of mental health and addictions care that British Columbians deserve – from the ground up.
- Options are key to meeting people where they're at and making sure they can access treatment and recovery services that are appropriate for their unique circumstances.
- Our government has made important investment to support Indigenous-led solutions, including the construction of new First Nation-run treatment centres across the province.
- We are committed to working with partners to find solutions to ensure these projects meet the needs of First Nations people experiencing mental health and substance use challenges.
- We'll continue working with the Carrier Sekani Family Services to identify solutions to this situation and help ensure the development of a year-round residential treatment facility

## QP Note

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From: Craik, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX, Sundhu, Ellora AFF:EX  
Cc: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX, Garnier, Jack AFF:EX  
Sent: March 16, 2021 8:55:54 AM PDT  
Received: March 16, 2021 8:55:00 AM PDT  
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Hi Sam,

Attached is the note requested. Pretty high level as we know there are still many moving pieces. We can chat it through at our prep in a few mins.

Thanks,

Jason Craik  
Issues Manager

## note

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From: Craik, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Olson, Michael GCPE:EX  
Sent: March 16, 2021 9:28:12 AM PDT  
Received: March 16, 2021 9:28:00 AM PDT  
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Jason Craik  
Issues Manager

## QP note for info

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From: Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX <Leila.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>  
To: McNish, James IRR:EX, Yeung, Lucinda IRR:EX, Sam, Anne Marie  
PREM:EX, Mulholland, Lauren GCPE:EX  
Sent: March 16, 2021 9:38:26 AM PDT  
Received: March 16, 2021 9:38:00 AM PDT  
Attachments: 2021.03.16 QP AFF - Tachick Lake Lodge.ALC - FINAL.docx

Hello,

For Minister Rankin's awareness, please see attached for a QP note on Tachick Lodge (application from Carrier Sekani Family Services to build Community Care Facility).

If this topic comes up again in QP, questions will be answered by Minister Malcolmson or Minister Popham.

Thanks,

Leila Farmer  
Issues Manager  
250-208-9547  
*Pronouns: She/Her/Hers*

## Tachick Lake Lodge Note

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From: Olson, Michael GCPE:EX <Michael.Olson@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Newhook, Kelly MMHA:EX, Thomson, Krystal GCPE:EX, Barrett, Andrew  
MMHA:EX, Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX  
Sent: March 16, 2021 10:14:01 AM PDT  
Received: March 16, 2021 10:14:01 AM PDT  
Attachments: 2021.03.16 QP AFF - Tachick Lake Lodge.ALC - FINAL.docx

FYI this note was written this morning for MLP in the even she needs to take a question. Could be helpful framework for MSM if she gets a question on it again (particularly pages 1 and 3).

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Michael Olson  
Issues Manager  
(250) 893-2046

# Tachick Lake Lodge/ALC Application

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## Main Message:

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- The overdose crisis has taken so many lives in British Columbia and it has hit First Nations and Indigenous people disproportionately.
- The government is committed to ensuring treatment services for mental health and addictions are available in all regions of the province.
- As a part of our response to the overdose crisis, we are counting on working with the First Nations Health Authority.
- To that end, we have committed \$20 million to help fund two new and six replacement health and treatment centres – the Carrier Sekani proposal is one.
- The ALC is independent of government. We are disappointed with the outcome of their deliberation.
- Last week I met with Chief Corinna Leween to share my disappointment and to discuss options moving forward.

- We are working with Carrier Sekani Family Services to identify solutions to this situation and help ensure the development of a year-round residential treatment facility.
- This project is important to me and it is important to this government.

If asked why Ministry of Agriculture staff would be against this proposal:

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## FW: Tyee story

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From: Craik, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX, Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX  
Cc: Olson, Michael GCPE:EX  
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**Cc:** Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca>; Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX <Dave.H.Townsend@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Tyee story

Here is the latest Tyee story with MLP's comments for those who haven't seen it. <sup>s.13</sup>  
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## Re: ALC App

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From: Bain, Don PREM:EX <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Craik, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>, Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>, Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>, Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>, Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: March 18, 2021 7:53:58 AM PDT  
Received: March 18, 2021 7:53:59 AM PDT

Hello Jason, Tim and Alissa,

I went back to the 2019 ALC decision concerning the CGL Camp by the Vanderhoof Airport. After the decision options included:

- pursuing an alternative non-ALC site
- reconsideration of the ALC decision
- potential for government to overrule the ALC and designate the temporary work camps as a “permitted non-farm use” via an order under s. 7 of the Environment and Land Use Act (ELUA)
- or continue with housing workers outside of a camp.

According to media reports, MLP is willing to work to find a solution and CSFS is considering pursuing a reconsideration of the ALC decision. CGL pursued reconsideration of the ALC decision. The link to CGL's (20 MB) package for reconsideration is <http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/oatsp/viewDocument?documentId=450078>  
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Can we discuss further?

Don

**From:** Craik, Jason GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 8:58 AM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Bain, Don PREM:EX  
**Subject:** ALC App  
Here's the IN from AFF on the Tachick Lake application.  
Exec Summary:

- Proponents applied to the ALC to build a treatment facility on the Tachick Lake Resort lands. The property has been used as a resort since before the creation of the ALR (pre-1972) and has never been actively farmed.
- ALC denied the application to build a 25,000 sq/ft treatment centre, but did allow the applicants to use the current on-site buildings for non-farm use. (the 2000 sq/ft main lodge and 10 additional cabins)
- They cited potential agricultural capacity on the land, and the viability of near by parcels as the reason for denial. The soil is currently classified as 5x (Class 1 being the best, class 7 being unviable), which means with improvement through soil management measures, it has low capacity for anything other than forage crops due to the climate and nutrient make up.
- The applicant has 90 days to apply for a re-consideration.

Jason Craik  
Issues Manager

## **FW: 194283 MDN ALC Carrier Sekani Treatment Centre.docx**

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From: Olson, Michael GCPE:EX <Michael.Olson@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: March 19, 2021 12:52:25 PM PDT  
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Sent: March 19, 2021 11:46 AM  
To: Malcolmson, Sheila MMHA:EX <Sheila.Malcolmson@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Olson, Michael GCPE:EX <Michael.Olson@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: FW: 194283 MDN\_ALC\_Carrier Sekani Treatment Centre.docx

For your review and consideration.

Kelly

**Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries**  
**BRIEFING NOTE FOR MINISTER FOR INFORMATION**

Ref: 194283

Date: March 18, 2021

**Title:** Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) decision regarding Carrier-Sekani First Nations Treatment Centre.

**Issue:** Options for provincial response to the ALC's decision to decline the application by the Carrier-Sekani First Nations Treatment Centre to construct a 60-bed facility on the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) land.

**Background:**

On February 26, 2021, the ALC released its decision to decline a non-farm use application by the Carrier-Sekani Family Services (CSFS) to build a 60-bed mental health and addiction recovery services facility on the ALR. The 9.3-hectare property is currently the site of Tachick Lake Lodge (the Lodge), located near Vanderhoof, B.C. The resort currently includes a 185-metre-square lodge, 10 cabins and 33 campsites. The Lodge predates the 1972 creation of the ALR and can continue operating on the ALR as long as it remains in its current use. The CSFS's proposal is to construct a 2,733-metre-square facility and a 400-metre-square parking lot.

The ALC reasons for the decision to decline this application focused on: the likely permanent loss of agriculture land should the new buildings be constructed; the potential impact of increasing the value of agricultural properties generally; other site options appear to be available to the applicant; and the construction of 2323 m<sup>2</sup> facility and 400m<sup>2</sup> parking lot would further alienate the property from future agriculture, proving it is inconsistent with their mandate. While the ALC's decision declines the construction of new buildings, it does approve the non-farm use of the current infrastructure for a community care facility.

Information provided by CSFS in the ALC application indicate that feasibility reviews of several alternative sites were conducted in 2014 and again in 2020. Criteria included accessibility, connectivity, current land use, potable water and the importance of natural landscapes as part of the healing process, among others. The on-reserve options were ruled out due to the complexity and uncertainty that comes with developing reserve land. Most other options were ruled out for a range of reasons, leaving three viable options, of which the Tachick Lake property was the preferred. The Tachick Lake site is the only site located in the ALR.

The CSFS is a non-profit that provides holistic wellness services to First Nations in north central B.C. The combined population of Carrier-Sekani member First Nations is over 5,000 people with combined territories of approximately 69,600 km<sup>2</sup>. First Nations represent just three percent of the population but 16 percent of the overdose deaths. As part of the provincial overdose response and addictions treatment and recovery, the B.C. Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions is working directly with the First Nations Health Authority and has committed \$20M to two new, and six replacement, healing and treatment centres, including the proposal by the CSFS.

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**First Nations Considerations:** The Province has made a commitment to lasting and meaningful reconciliation with First Nations and the implementation of the *B.C. Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (DRIPA). There is also a provincial commitment to work with First Nations partners to respond to the overdose and addictions crisis that disproportionately impacts First Nations communities.

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**Discussion:**

The ALC is an independent administrative tribunal. The decision-making framework for the ALC is defined in s. 6 of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (see Appendix A) and does not include economic and social factors, including First Nations considerations. As such, First Nations considerations are not explicitly part of the ALC mandate.

As defined in the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (ALCA), an applicant has the option to request a reconsideration of a decision within 90 days of that decision, providing new evidence has become available that was not available at the time of the original decision, or there is evidence demonstrating that either all or part of the original decision was based on evidence that was incorrect or was false. The CSFS has 90 days to request a reconsideration.

The ALC receives many requests for reconsideration. s.13  
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The *Environment and Land Use Act* (ELUA) provides government with broad order making powers. It provides that, “on the recommendation of [Environment and Land Use Committee], the Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) may make orders the LGIC considers necessary or advisable respecting the environment or land use.” This process involves taking a land use proposal before ELUC. If ELUC agrees with the proposal, it can make a recommendation to the LGIC or make an order regarding how land can be used even if this use is contrary to existing legislation such as the ALCA.

As per changes made by Bill 15, a private landowner is unable to apply to exclude land from the ALR. However, a local government may apply to exclude land, within its jurisdiction, from the ALR. The ALCA and its regulations requires the local government to hold a public hearing, with 10 days’ notice, prior to submitting the exclusion application to the ALC. If the local government passes a resolution to support an exclusion application for land in its jurisdiction and forwards the application to the ALC, the ALC will consider its mandate in deciding on the application.

**Options:**

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**Approved Option:** (Please circle approved option)

Option 1: s.13

Option 2:

Option 3:

Minister

Date Signed

Contact: Willow Minaker, Director, 778-974-3846, and Arlene Anderson, Director, 778-698-5170

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## Appendix A:

### Purposes of the commission

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(2) The commission, to fulfill its purposes under subsection (1), must give priority to protecting and enhancing all of the following in exercising its powers and performing its duties under this Act:

- (a) the size, integrity and continuity of the land base of the agricultural land reserve;
- (b) the use of the agricultural land reserve for farm use.

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Cc: Olson, Michael GCPE:EX <Michael.Olson@gov.bc.ca>  
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For your review and consideration.

Kelly

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**Subject:** Re: Carrier Sekani

Good afternoon Geoff and Amber,

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The Carrier Sekani Family Services application is supported by the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board, which voted last October to inform the land commission it believed the overall impact on agriculture would be minimal.

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We can follow up on Monday.

Thank you.

Don

## RE: Carrier Sekani

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Hi Don (et al),

Jason Craik and I just spoke and Sam can give you a good update on this. It sounds like things are moving expeditiously in the right direction.

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**Subject:** RE: Carrier Sekani

Hi Don,

Yes – I'll give you a call shortly to discuss. Our Issues Manager Jason Craik is also up-to-speed on this file.

### Sam Godfrey

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**To:** Olson, Michael GCPE:EX <Michael.Olson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** note

Jason Craik  
Issues Manager

## Fwd: Brief update re CSFS

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**Subject:** Brief update re CSFS

Hi,  
MLP was able to speak to RDBN Chair this afternoon s.13  
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Attached is the note MLP had for the meeting as an FYI but she didn't need to go into all this detail. They have already had a public hearing on the proposal so there is likely no need for another one, as you will see is allowed in the note.  
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Kelly – it's fine for MSM to reach out to Chief Leween on this at any time. I'm happy to help however you like.

Best, S.

**Sam Godfrey**

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**Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries**  
**KEY MESSAGES March 23, 2021**

- As you are aware, the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) recently declined the Carrier-Sekani Family Services (CSFS) application for non-farm use permit to build a 60-bed mental health and addiction recovery services facility on ALR land at Tachick Lake.
- The preservation of ALR and the promotion of farming remains a Government priority. However, so too is the health and wellness of B.C. communities, including an appropriate response to the mental health and addiction crisis and reconciliation with B.C.'s First Nations.
- This government is trying to find ways to stop young people from dying, and help people who are really suffering. Indigenous people are getting hit especially hard.
- I know you see it in Vanderhoof, it affects us all -it's a terrible, and a provincial emergency as you know.
- Government has looked hard at what to do with the Tachick Lake proposal by the CSFS
- I know you support it already – thank you!
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- CSFS did a non-farm use application, s.13
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- ALC is of course independent and their decision can't be known
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- We also know they have approved exclusions after failed non-farm use applications.
  - Example right here on the Island where North Saanich Local Government was unsuccessful in getting permission for a library to be non-farm use, but then applied again for an exclusion and they got it. There are other examples.
- We've looked at the problem carefully and the fastest and most efficient way to try and resolve s.13
- For what we need your help.
- Helping them helps us all and is the right thing to do.
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**Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries**  
**KEY MESSAGES March 23, 2021**

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If pressed on uncertainty of an ALC decision:

The ALC Commissioners know, like we all do, what an emergency we are in with mental health and addiction recovery.

We can't predict the decision s.13

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**Background:**

- On February 26, 2021, the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) released its decision to decline a non-farm use (NFU) application by the Carrier-Sekani Family Services (CSFS) to build a 60-bed mental health and addiction recovery services facility on a property within the ALR.
- The CSFS is a non-profit that provides holistic wellness services to First Nations in north central B.C. First Nations represent three percent of B.C.'s population but 16 percent of the overdose deaths.
- The 9.3-hectare property is currently the site of Tachick Lake Lodge and includes a 185-metre-square lodge, 10 cabins and 33 campsites. The CSFS's proposal is to construct a 2,733-metre-square facility and a 400-metre-square parking lot.
- Information provided by CSFS in the NFU application indicate that feasibility reviews of several alternative sites were conducted in 2014 and again in 2020. Ultimately, three viable options were chosen, of which the Tachick Lake property was the preferred primarily due to access to potable water, the natural landscape of the property which is an important part of the healing process and that the purchase of this property would allow CSFS to acquire the land and assets outright and thus, avoid long-term lease costs.
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- **However, there is no such thing as a one-size-fits-all treatment and recovery model for people living with mental health and substance use challenges.**
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And:

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**To:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Robertson, Tracey GCPE:EX; Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX; Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: IN\_ALC Tachik Lake community care facility\_Feb 21 (003)

Super, will add that in

On Mar 8, 2021, at 4:50 PM, Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX <Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi again Rob,

A bit more info below from our First Nations lead – another important addition to your KMs I think.

Our First Nations department has been asked to prepare key messages for the Minister for her meeting tomorrow with Carrier Sekani.

For your IN, s.13  
s.13

Any questions – just let me know.  
Cheers,  
Heidi

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**Subject:** FW: IN\_ALC Tachik Lake community care facility\_Feb 21 (003)

Hi again Robert – hope this works for you. Let us know if you need anything else 😊

Tracey

## Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

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**Subject:** FW: Tachik Lake IN  
**Attachments:** IN\_ALC Tachik Lake community care facility\_Feb 21 D2.docx

With one late bullet from MMHA added in.

Also heard MMHA Min Malcomson is meeting with Carrier Sekani reps tomorrow

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**From:** Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 1:34 PM  
**To:** Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>; Craik, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>; Ethier, Tom AFF:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>; McGuire, Jennifer AFF:EX <Jennifer.Mcguire@gov.bc.ca>; Sundhu, Ellora AFF:EX <Ellora.Sundhu@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX <Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Tachik Lake IN

With input from ALC and Mental Health and Addictions

Robert Boelens  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries  
250 356-1674  
[Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca)

## Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

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**From:** Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 16, 2021 10:18 AM  
**To:** Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Tachik Lake IN  
**Attachments:** IN\_ALC Tachik Lake - Carrier Sekani.docx

Some funding added in here but nothing we need to update MLP with imo

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**From:** Robertson, Tracey GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 16, 2021 10:16 AM  
**To:** Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Tachik Lake IN

Good morning Robert. Please see updated IN attached.

Tracey

## Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX

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**From:** Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 16, 2021 9:54 AM  
**To:** Popham, Lana AFF:EX; Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX  
**Cc:** Craik, Jason GCPE:EX; Garnier, Jack AFF:EX; Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX; Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX; Sundhu, Ellora AFF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Contact info for the Tyee's Andrew MacLeod  
**Attachments:** 2021.03.16 QP AFF - Tachick Lake Lodge.ALC - FINAL (002).docx

Hi Minister,

Jason received the additional info below from MMHA. I've pasted the entire KMs in the body of the email below with that addition.

- **As part of a tripartite agreement to improve mental health and wellness services, we made a \$20 million capital contribution in 2019, that was matched by the First Nations Health Authority for a total of \$40 million, to renovate, replace and build treatment facilities across B.C.**
- **On top of that, we've recently invested \$1.3 million in funding to support overdose response and awareness in Indigenous communities across BC.**
- **This funding will help communities carry out local actions specific to the needs of their community, including:**
  - **Relationship building and knowledge sharing among service providers,**
  - **Harm-reduction and awareness programs aimed at reducing stigma,**
  - **And community wellness programs that will connect people to life saving supports and services.**

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**From:** Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 16, 2021 9:42 AM  
**To:** Popham, Lana AFF:EX ; Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX ; Sundhu, Ellora AFF:EX ; Garnier, Jack AFF:EX ; Craik, Jason GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX ; Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Contact info for the Tyee's Andrew MacLeod

Good morning Minister,

Andrew MacLeod with the Tyee will be ready for your call after question period this morning.

Here is Andrew's contact info:

Andrew MacLeod  
Legislative Bureau Chief  
TheTyee.ca  
Tel 250-885-7662

## **Main Message:**

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- As the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions said in the legislature yesterday, decisions on land use applications within the Agricultural Land Reserve are made by the Agriculture Land Commission.
- The ALC is an administrative tribunal that is arm's length from government.
- The government is committed to ensuring treatment services for mental health and addictions are available in all regions of the province.
- We are working with the Carrier Sekani Family Services to identify solutions to this situation and help ensure the development of a year-round residential treatment facility.

## **If asked why Ministry of Agriculture staff would be against this proposal:**

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- Ministry staff are often asked to comment on the agricultural capacity of land involved in applications to the ALC.
- After assessing the agricultural potential of the land in question, staff then make recommendations based on whether the land is viable for farm use or not.
- They are not asked to consider the merit of the application when making their recommendation, only whether the land is viable for farming or not.
- My colleagues and I will continue working with the Carrier Sekani Family Services to identify solutions to this situation and help ensure the development of a year-round residential treatment facility.

## **Government Support for Recovery Homes:**

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- Our government is working as quickly as possible to build the system of mental health and addictions care that British Columbians deserve – from the ground up.

- Options are key to meeting people where they're at and making sure they can access treatment and recovery services that are appropriate for their unique circumstances.
- Our government has made important investment to support Indigenous-led solutions, including the construction of new First Nation-run treatment centres across the province.
- We are committed to working with partners to find solutions to ensure these projects meet the needs of First Nations people experiencing mental health and substance use challenges.
- We'll continue working with the Carrier Sekani Family Services to identify solutions to this situation and help ensure the development of a year-round residential treatment facility.
- As part of a tripartite agreement to improve mental health and wellness services, we made a \$20 million capital contribution in 2019, that was matched by the First Nations Health Authority for a total of \$40 million, to renovate, replace and build treatment facilities across B.C.
- On top of that, we've recently invested \$1.3 million in funding to support overdose response and awareness in Indigenous communities across BC.
- This funding will help communities carry out local actions specific to the needs of their community, including:
  - Relationship building and knowledge sharing among service providers,
  - Harm-reduction and awareness programs aimed at reducing stigma,
  - And community wellness programs that will connect people to life saving supports and services.

## FW: Carrier Sekani Family Services Addiction Treatment Facility - District of Vanderhoof Letter of Support

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From: Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Craik, Jason GCPE:EX, Olson, Michael GCPE:EX  
Sent: April 6, 2021 1:13:15 PM PDT  
Received: April 6, 2021 1:13:16 PM PDT  
Attachments: DOV-Carrier Sekani Letter of Support.pdf

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**From:** Elizabeth Adefowokan  
**Sent:** April 1, 2021 09:17  
**To:** mholmes@cstc.bc.ca  
**Cc:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX ; Minister, AFF AFF:EX ; priscilla.mueller@saikuz.com; jason.llewellyn@rdbn.bc.ca; Gerry Thiessen ; Kendra Kinsley  
**Subject:** Carrier Sekani Family Services Addiction Treatment Facility - District of Vanderhoof Letter of Support

**[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.**

Good morning,

Please see the attached letter of support from the District of Vanderhoof Mayor and Council for the Carrier Sekani Family Services Addiction Treatment Facility Project.

Thank you,

**Elizabeth Adefowokan**

*Deputy Corporate Officer*

**District of Vanderhoof**

P: 250-567-4711 | F: 250-567-9169

160 Connaught Street, Vanderhoof, BC V0J 3A0

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April 1, 2021

Carrier Sekani Tribal Council  
Suite 200 - 1460 6 Ave  
Prince George, B.C  
V2L 3N2

VIA EMAIL: [tribalchief@cstc.bc.ca](mailto:tribalchief@cstc.bc.ca)

Dear Chief Holmes,

**Re: Carrier Sekani Family Services' Addiction Treatment Facility Project**

The District of Vanderhoof Mayor and Council supports the Carrier Sekani Family Services in their project to build an addiction treatment facility on Tachick Lake Resort.

According to the B.C. Coroners Service, the Northern Health region has the highest rate of drug-related deaths this year. And as a Northern BC local government, we not only recognize the urgent need for this kind of projects to help address the opioid crisis in our communities, but we also support initiatives like the proposed addiction treatment facility project.

We support individuals in all phases of life and believe this proposal for an addiction treatment facility will provide adequate support for those individuals in need. This project will give opportunity and access to individuals on a recovery journey from addiction to regain their holistic well-being and remove barriers to their long-term health and personal improvements. The proposed location for the addiction treatment facility is ideal to provide a comfortable and supportive environment for individuals transitioning through this phase of life.

We recognize that this facility is going to be an important asset not only to our community, but to all surrounding communities and their residents, and we appreciate your effort to ensure that governments continue to provide resources that encourages the holistic well-being of their citizens.

We are excited about this project and we look forward to more positive initiatives to help residents across British Columbia.

Sincerely,  
DISTRICT OF VANDERHOOF

Gerry Thiessen  
Mayor



DISTRICT OF  
**Vanderhoof**

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Cc: John Horgan, Premier, Province of British Columbia.  
Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, Foods and Fisheries, Province of British Columbia.  
Priscilla Mueller, Chief, Saik'uz First Nations.  
Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning, Regional District of Bulkely Nechako.

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From: Craik, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>, Olson, Michael GCPE:EX <Michael.Olson@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 8, 2021 12:13:05 PM PDT  
Received: April 8, 2021 12:13:06 PM PDT  
Attachments: draft letter alc re csfs5.docx

Letter that AFF DMO intends to send shortly to the ALC board and chair. I have no issues with it.

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**From:** Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 8, 2021 12:10 PM  
**To:** Craik, Jason GCPE:EX <Jason.Craik@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: clean copy

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX" <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** April 8, 2021 at 11:54:36 AM PDT  
**To:** "Popham, Lana AFF:EX" <Lana.Popham@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: clean copy

Any concerns?

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**From:** "Lalani, Arif AFF:EX" <Arif.Lalani@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** April 8, 2021 at 11:14:56 AM PDT  
**To:** "Godfrey, Sam AFF:EX" <Sam.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** "Rainforth, Kelly A AFF:EX" <Kelly.Rainforth@gov.bc.ca>, "Lyttle, Shawna AFF:EX" <Shawna.Lyttle@gov.bc.ca>, "Zachary, Dawnae AFF:EX" <Dawnae.Zachary@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: clean copy

Arif Lalani | ADM | Agriculture Resource Division | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries  
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**MINISTRY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS  
MEETING MATERIAL**

**CLIFF#:** 1189289

**DATE OF PREVIOUS NOTE (if applicable):** Feb 19, 2021  
**PREVIOUS CLIFF # (if applicable):** 1189183

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Sheila Malcolmson, Minister

**DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF MEETING:** March 9, 2021

**MEETING REQUEST/ISSUE:** Meeting with Chief Corrina Leween (Cheslatta Carrier Nation), Sandra Teegee (Takla Lake First Nation), Jasmine Thomas (Saik'uz First Nation), Theresa Nooski (Nadleh Whut'en First Nation) and Chief Maureen Luggi (Wet'suwet'en First Nation) to discuss a new treatment centre being proposed by Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) in Northern BC.

**SHOULD MINISTRY STAFF ATTENDING THIS MEETING:** Yes, Nick Grant, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Planning and Matthew Kinch, Senior Director, Indigenous Partnerships and Wellness

**BACKGROUND:**

- Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) is a non-profit society that provides health, social, and children and family services to 11 First Nation communities in northcentral BC with offices in Prince George, Burns Lake, Fort St. James and Vanderhoof.
- CSFS has contracts with Northern Health, First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) to deliver a continuum of primary care, mental health and substance use services for member communities.
- CSFS currently delivers a 28-day adult in-patient treatment program between the months of May and October at a facility located at Ormond Lake (approximately 25 km northwest of Vanderhoof). The facility is comprised of cabins with 14 treatment beds, pit toilets and naturally fed showers. This is a seasonal program due to the current limitations of the facility and its location. CSFS delivers a mobile outreach program during the winter months.
- The treatment facility operated by CSFS is one of ten First Nation-run treatment facilities funded by FNHA in BC. These treatment services are available to all status First Nations clients in BC (i.e. not available to Metis or non-status First Nation clients).
- CSFS is seeking capital funding from the Province to build a new wellness centre that would replace their existing facility and enable an expanded service model that could include a continuum of treatment services.
- The proposal prepared by CSFS describes a wellness centre with a detox wing (10 beds), an addiction recovery wing (35 beds), renovated cabins for longer-term recovery (8-12 beds), and associated amenities (e.g. dining hall, commercial kitchen, cultural space, nursing station, etc.).
- Based on a feasibility study completed in October 2020, it is estimated that construction costs will total \$16.64 million.

- In 2020/21, FNHA approved CSFS for \$5.75 million. This was a one-time contribution meant to cover a portion of the capital costs for this project. The funding committed for this project is cost shared by FNHA and the Province.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- With the transfer of federal health programs and funding in 2013, FNHA assumed responsibility for the administration of ten First Nation-run treatment facilities in BC.
- In 2018, the Province of BC, the Government of Canada and the First Nations Health Council (FNHC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding ('the MOU') to improve mental health and wellness services. The MOU included a commitment to develop a tripartite plan to renovate, replace and build treatment facilities across BC.
- The Province made a one-time capital contribution of \$20 million in 2019/20 in fulfillment of this commitment. FNHA made a matching capital contribution of \$20 million for a total investment of \$40 million. s.16

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- The project being proposed by CSFS is one of six existing treatment facilities that FNHA has identified for remediation or full replacement within the \$40 million available. It is on this basis that CSFS was funded by FNHA to complete a feasibility study for a new facility.
- Based on the project proposal, FNHA has indicated to MMHA that the capital and ongoing operational costs exceeds funding currently available for these programs. While FNHA receives funding from the federal government for the core operations of the existing treatment facilities, this does not include funding for an expanded scope of services (e.g. pre- and post-treatment) or capital projects (beyond the \$40 million committed by FNHA and the Province for these projects).
- Based on the expanded scope of services contemplated in the project proposal, it is anticipated that CSFS will be seeking funding from federal, provincial and regional partners for the operation of the new treatment facility once completed.
- MMHA has recently established a provincial advisory committee for bed-based services. This committee includes MMHA, HLTH, Health Authorities (including FNHA), BC Housing and BCCSU. This committee presents an avenue to advance collaboration across partners and explore opportunities to leverage new and existing resources for this project.
- CSFS has submitted the same project proposal to Indigenous Services Canada. It will be important to understand how additional funding from the federal government could complement or augment the funding provided by FNHA and the Province for this project.
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#### **SUGGESTED RESPONSE:**

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**Program ADM/Division:** Nick Grant, Strategic Policy and Planning  
**Program Contact (for content):** Matthew Kinch, Senior Director  
**Drafter:** Kristin Price, Policy Analyst  
**Date:** March 4, 2021

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## Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX

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**From:** Butler, Ally MMHA:EX  
**Sent:** March 17, 2021 12:43 PM  
**To:** MacKenzie, Lori MMHA:EX; Massey, Christine MMHA:EX; Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Carrier Sekani Note

None from me either

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**From:** MacKenzie, Lori MMHA:EX <Lori.MacKenzie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 17, 2021 12:09 PM  
**To:** Massey, Christine MMHA:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>; Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX <Eric.Berndt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Butler, Ally MMHA:EX <Ally.Butler@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Carrier Sekani Note

No concerns

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**From:** Massey, Christine MMHA:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 17, 2021 11:56 AM  
**To:** Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX <Eric.Berndt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** MacKenzie, Lori MMHA:EX <Lori.MacKenzie@gov.bc.ca>; Butler, Ally MMHA:EX <Ally.Butler@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Carrier Sekani Note

No concerns

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**From:** Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX <Eric.Berndt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 17, 2021 11:46 AM  
**To:** Massey, Christine MMHA:EX <Christine.Massey@gov.bc.ca>; Butler, Ally MMHA:EX <Ally.Butler@gov.bc.ca>; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Carrier Sekani Note

I have no concerns, you?

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**From:** Olson, Michael GCPE:EX <Michael.Olson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 17, 2021 11:34 AM  
**To:** Newhook, Kelly MMHA:EX <Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca>; Thomson, Krystal MMHA:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>; Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX <Eric.Berndt@gov.bc.ca>; Barrett, Andrew MMHA:EX <Andrew.Barrett@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Carrier Sekani Note

Per our discussion this morning, here is a note for the Carrier Sekani / ALC issue.

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Michael Olson  
Issues Manager  
(250) 893-2046

## Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX

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**From:** Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 8, 2021 12:56 PM  
**To:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

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**From:** Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 10:03 AM  
**To:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX <Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX <Eric.Berndt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

Sorry just saw this – I emailed Joanne and Bethany but cc'd Tracey

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**From:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX <Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 9:59 AM  
**To:** Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX <Alexandra.Korinowsky@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX <Eric.Berndt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

Ahh – thanks. I saw the KMs in the attached that are specific to supportive recovery... I'll flip over to Tracey to manage – thanks!!

HZ

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**From:** Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX <Alexandra.Korinowsky@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 9:53 AM  
**To:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX <Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX <Eric.Berndt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

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I can ask Lori's team if Tracey has other things going on.

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**From:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX <Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 9:47 AM  
**To:** Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX <Alexandra.Korinowsky@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX <Eric.Berndt@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

Hi Alex,

Please see email below and attached IN –s.13

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And also ensure it works for our program folks.

Thanks!

HZ

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**From:** Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <[Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** March 8, 2021 9:43 AM

**To:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX <[Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca)>; Mulholland, Lauren GCPE:EX <[Lauren.Mulholland@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lauren.Mulholland@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX <[Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brian.Cotton@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

Hi – hoping you could include a few KM to replace those in red in the attached please. s.13

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## Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX

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**From:** Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 8, 2021 12:56 PM  
**To:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

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**From:** Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 4:23 PM  
**To:** Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX <Eric.Berndt@gov.bc.ca>; Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX <Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Robertson, Tracey GCPE:EX <Tracey.Robertson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

Hi Eric, Heidi –s.13 I'm thinking I should ask Matthew to share the key messages being developed for MSM on this and that we can share those with AGRI when ready?

Please advise...

Thanks,  
Alex

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**From:** Kinch, Matthew MMHA:EX <[Matthew.Kinch@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Matthew.Kinch@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 4:20 PM  
**To:** Estiverne, Bethany MMHA:EX <[Bethany.Estiverne@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Bethany.Estiverne@gov.bc.ca)>; Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX <[Alexandra.Korinowsky@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alexandra.Korinowsky@gov.bc.ca)>; MacMillan, Joanne MMHA:EX <[Joanne.MacMillan@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joanne.MacMillan@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX <[Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca)>; Robertson, Tracey GCPE:EX <[Tracey.Robertson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tracey.Robertson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

Hi All,

Minister Malcolmson is meeting with leadership from Carrier Sekani tomorrow afternoon. I am attaching an information note that provides background on the proposed project. Unfortunately, it does not include information on the issue related to the decisions of the ALC as looks like this is a relatively recent development.

We have connected with the Ministry of Agriculture and are hoping to hear back before the meeting with Minister Malcolmson tomorrow afternoon to ensure we have key messages related to the decision of the ALC. Important to note that the decision by the ALC does presents a barrier for the project but does not change the funding committed by FNHA and BC to build the treatment centre.

Please let me know if more information on services is required. Carrier Sekani has a number of programs and services that are funded by the Province (e.g. new Foundry in Burns Lake will be operated by Carrier Sekani).

Thanks,

Matthew

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**From:** "Estiverne, Bethany MMHA:EX" <[Bethany.Estiverne@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Bethany.Estiverne@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** Monday, March 8, 2021 at 4:08 PM  
**To:** "Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX" <[Alexandra.Korinowsky@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alexandra.Korinowsky@gov.bc.ca)>, "MacMillan, Joanne MMHA:EX" <[Joanne.MacMillan@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joanne.MacMillan@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX" <[Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca)>, "Robertson, Tracey GCPE:EX" <[Tracey.Robertson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tracey.Robertson@gov.bc.ca)>, "Kinch, Matthew MMHA:EX" <[Matthew.Kinch@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Matthew.Kinch@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

Hi,

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Has anyone looped in Matthew and his team?<sup>s.13</sup>

Bethany

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**From:** Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX <[Alexandra.Korinowsky@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Alexandra.Korinowsky@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 3:48 PM  
**To:** MacMillan, Joanne MMHA:EX <[Joanne.MacMillan@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joanne.MacMillan@gov.bc.ca)>; Estiverne, Bethany MMHA:EX <[Bethany.Estiverne@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Bethany.Estiverne@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX <[Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca)>; Robertson, Tracey GCPE:EX <[Tracey.Robertson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tracey.Robertson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

Checking in on this... is it possible to respond by end of day today? If not can you please give me an idea of when we can gather this info for AGRI?

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**From:** Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 10:02 AM  
**To:** MacMillan, Joanne MMHA:EX <[Joanne.MacMillan@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Joanne.MacMillan@gov.bc.ca)>; Estiverne, Bethany MMHA:EX <[Bethany.Estiverne@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Bethany.Estiverne@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX <[Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Heidi.Zilkie@gov.bc.ca)>; Robertson, Tracey GCPE:EX <[Tracey.Robertson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tracey.Robertson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

Hi Joanne and Bethany,

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Can you please advise on what can be included? They are hoping to receive this information today.

Thank you,  
Alex

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**From:** Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX <[Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robert.Boelens@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 9:43 AM  
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**Subject:** Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

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**From:** Zilkie, Heidi GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 8, 2021 10:00 AM  
**To:** Robertson, Tracey GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Carrier Sekani Healing Facility and ALC

Tracey see below and attached IN. Hoping you can update the attached with s.13 requested. s.13

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**From:** Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** March 17, 2021 11:48 AM  
**To:** MacKenzie, Lori MMHA:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Carrier Sekani Note

I meant you 😊

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**From:** Berndt, Eric GCPE:EX  
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**Subject:** FW: Carrier Sekani Note

I have no concerns, you?

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**Subject:** Carrier Sekani Note

Per our discussion this morning, here is a note for the Carrier Sekani / ALC issue.

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Issues Manager  
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## FW: Update on essential CSFS Indigenous healing facility - Sent on Behalf of Chief Corrina Leween

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Sent: April 12, 2021 11:40:40 AM PDT  
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**From:** Lisa Dasilva  
**Sent:** April 9, 2021 10:41  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Cc:** XT:Warner, Adam CITZ:IN ; Priscilla Mueller ; Minister, MMHA MMHA:EX ; Minister, AFF AFF:EX ; Minister, MUNI MUNI:EX ; Minister, IRR IRR:EX ; Bain, Don PREM:EX ; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX ; Corrina Leween  
**Subject:** Re: Update on essential CSFS Indigenous healing facility - Sent on Behalf of Chief Corrina Leween  
**Importance:** High

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Please find attached a letter sent on behalf of Chief Corrina Leween, CSFS President.

**Lisa Da Silva**

Executive Assistant to:  
Warner Adam, CEO



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**URGENT**

April 9, 2021

**Via E-mail:** Premier@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable, John Horgan, M.L.A.  
Premier of British Columbia  
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier:

**Re: Update on essential CSFS Indigenous healing facility**

On behalf of the Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS)'s, I am seeking a financial commitment from the Province of BC and to provide an up-date on the plans to build a new 60-bed, medically-based Indigenous **Healing/Treatment Facility** at the Tachick Lake Resort property near Vanderhoof, which is the traditional territory of the Saik'uz First Nation.

It is apparent the Facility is urgently needed due to the historical and ongoing crisis in mental health and addiction and the absence of residential treatment services in the north central region, not to mention the general lack of services that are culturally appropriate and accessible to First Nations people. This crisis and lack of services continues to put lives at risk.

It is particularly important for funding commitments to be made quickly. CSFS is ready to pursue detailed design work as soon we have secured land use approval and funding commitments. We are advised that this design work must proceed in the very near future to prevent avoidable weather-related construction delays. Delaying the Facility would put lives at risk and have an unacceptable impact on our clients and communities.

Full capital costs for the Facility, from planning through to procurement and ultimately construction for the project have been estimated to be \$16 million. With \$5.77 million committed from the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) s.13, CSFS is looking to **both your government and the federal government to commit to fully fund the remaining \$10 million cost.**

CSFS is actively working towards securing capital funding commitments. Last fall, our staff applied to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Rural and Northern Communities stream), which we understand is within the Ministry of Municipal Affairs' portfolio. We are hopeful that this infrastructure program may provide funding, although I was disappointed to learn that a decision on CSFS's application is not expected until September of this year. Because of that delay, CSFS cannot rely on this potential funding to proceed in the near term with necessary detailed design work.

Since December 2020, when we met with Minister of Indigenous Services Canada ("ISC"), CSFS has taken steps to keep the dialogue open with and among both levels of government, for a transparent, coordinated and collaborative approach. Since that time, in addition to meeting with Minister Malcolmson and senior officials from her Ministry and the Ministry of Health, we have convened a joint meeting with federal, provincial and agency officials for status reports. That meeting included both an Associate Deputy Minister and the BC Regional Director General of ISC, as well as the CEO of FNHA, the CEO of Northern Health, and officials from Minister Malcolmson's team. That joint group has committed to reconvene after the federal budget is announced on April 19 to review potential federal funding opportunities.

Moving forward, I am calling on your government to continue actively working to support CSFS to make the Healing/Treatment Facility a reality. In our view, in addition to assisting with the land use approvals process, a significant commitment in the near future from the Province to meet the project's capital funding requirements would show that your government supports and has full confidence in Indigenous-led treatment solutions to the mental health and addictions crisis.

In addition to funding, I also wanted to update you on the troubling decision made by the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) that effectively denied CSFS the ability to build the Facility at the location that we identified as being most aligned with our vision for this project.

First, I'd like to acknowledge the steps your government has taken to address the ALC decision. Since March 4, when I wrote to Ministers Malcolmson, Rankin and Popham to make your government aware of the decision, I have had several calls with Minister Malcolmson and weekly meetings with the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Tom Ethier, and Senior Ministerial Advisor, Sam Godfrey.

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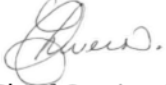
Although the

time required for the ALC to make another decision creates some challenges for CSFS, and I am concerned by the ongoing uncertainty of the outcome of this process, I am also cautiously optimistic that your support and the support of your Ministers will move the project forward.

In closing, I want to acknowledge your government's active attention to this file. While there is still much work to do and funding commitments in the near future are required, CSFS will continue to

dedicate our resources to advancing the Healing/Treatment Facility in partnership with your Ministers and provincial officials.

Regards,



Chief Corrina Leween

President, Carrier Sekani Family Services and Chief, Cheslatta Carrier Nation

cc Warner Adam, CEO, Carrier Sekani Family Services  
Chief Priscilla Mueller, Saik'uz First Nation  
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## RE: Stakeholder Correspondence - April 12

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Received: April 12, 2021 11:41:52 AM PDT

Hi Jake,

On the letter from Chief Leewen (Carrier Sekani Family Services),<sup>s.13</sup>

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Happy to chat,  
Alissa

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**From:** Rochon, Jake PREM:EX

**Sent:** April 12, 2021 11:09

**To:** Bain, Don PREM:EX ; Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX ; Brown, Evan PREM:EX ; Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX ; Farmer, Susan PREM:EX ; Hagglund, Jarrett PREM:EX ; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX ; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX ; Kot, Jill PREM:EX ; Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX ; McKinnon, Michael PREM:EX ; Nash, Amber PREM:EX ; Robinson, Jon PREM:EX ; Smith, George PREM:EX ; Wanamaker, Lori PREM:EX ; Zacharuk, Christina PREM:EX

**Subject:** Stakeholder Correspondence - April 12

Hi team! Here's the update from over the weekend. Hope all is well on Throne Speech day! Apologies for the delay, had a brief tech glitch there for a few minutes.

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Carrier Sekani Family Services – A request for the province to provide funding for an Indigenous Healing/Treatment Facility near Vanderhoof (Saik'uz territory).<sup>s.13</sup>

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## **Tachick Lake Lodge / ALC Application Denial**

### **Background:**

- On February 26, the Agricultural Land Commission declined a non-farm use application by Carrier Sekani Family Services to build a 25,000 square-foot community care facility.
- The facility would be a year-round residential care facility with capacity for up to 60 beds.

### **Message:**

- The overdose crisis has taken so many lives in British Columbia and it has hit First Nations and Indigenous people disproportionately.
- Our government is committed to ensuring treatment services for mental health and addictions are available in all regions of the province.
- As a part of our response to the overdose crisis, we are counting on working with the First Nations Health Authority.
- To that end, we've committed \$20 million to help fund two new and six replacement healing and treatment centres - the Carrier Sekani proposal is one.
- The ALC is independent of government. We are disappointed with the outcome of their deliberation.
- We are working with the Carrier Sekani Family Services to identify solutions to this situation and help ensure the development of a year-round residential treatment facility.
- Last week the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions met with Chief Corinna Leween to share our disappointment and discuss options for moving forward.

### ***Why did government staff speak against the proposal?***

- Agriculture Ministry staff are often asked to comment on the agricultural capacity of land involved in applications to the ALC.
- They make recommendations based on whether the land is viable for farm use or not.
- They are not asked to consider the merit of the application within the scope of their recommendation - only on the viability of farming.

- We are committed to working with the Carrier Sekani Family Services to identify solutions to the situation and help ensure the development of a year-round residential treatment facility.