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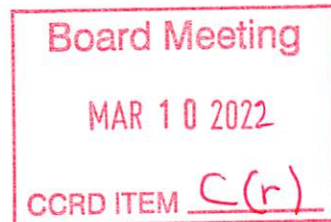
February 22, 2022

Email: [Richard.cannings@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Richard.cannings@parl.gc.ca)

Mr. Richard Cannings, MP  
South Okanagan-West Kootenay  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Cannings:

**Re: BC Wildfires Petition – Letter of Support**



At the February 14, 2022 Regular meeting Oliver Council resolved to support the BC Wildfires Petition originally from the District of Lillooet, and to further request our Member of Parliament to present this letter to the Clerk of Petitions and upon receiving certification, to the House of Commons.

The BC Wildfires petition that was previously sent to BC Municipalities from the District of Lillooet, is addressed to the Government of Canada and asks for the Government of BC and Canada to empower local persons, those working with licensees, industry and contractors, Indigenous communities, ranchers and workers such as fire fighters, forestry workers, and all those that see the day-to-day issues and have front line knowledge to provide feedback on the inconsistencies and shortcomings with regard to forest management and wildfire prevention in order to help bring about much-needed change.

Inspired by the Ontario government who assembled an 'All Hazards Agency' that employs people to manage fire, flood and slides, we believe that BC needs this type of agency as well.

The Town of Oliver supports the District of Lillooet's belief that impacts to lumber prices and job availability, mill closures, current and future mudslides, damage to critical habitat, and house insurance increases are trickle effects that will continue to have detrimental effects on BC's future if we do not make necessary changes to current forest practice procedures.

Consequently, the Town of Oliver calls upon the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide better forest management and wildfire protection by assessing the current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working to re-evaluate and change those that are not.

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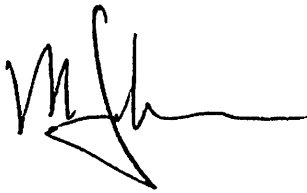


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We respectfully request that you present our letter supporting the District of Lillooet's BC Wildfires petition to the Clerk of Petitions and upon receiving certification, to the House of Commons.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Johansen', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Martin Johansen  
Mayor

cc Council  
Councils of BC Communities