

August 10, 2020

To whom it may concern,

In our capacity as the Board of Directors of the Central Coast Regional District (CCRD), we would like to formally express our support for Nuxalk Nation and their ongoing efforts to advance the development of the Nooklikonnik Creek Hydropower Project.

As an integral contributor to the Bella Coola Valley, we acknowledge Nuxalk Nation's leadership and diverse contributions to supporting a more sustainable and resilient future. In doing so, we acknowledge that Nuxalk Nation is uniquely positioned to lead the Bella Coola Valley and our communities in reducing, and one day eliminating, our shared dependency on diesel generated power from BC Hydro.

Having reviewed background information about the project proposal we understand that, if constructed, the Nooklikonnik Creek Hydropower Project will not only benefit Nuxalk Nation, but it will materially benefit the entire Bella Coola Valley. Specifically, the CCRD understands that the proposed project will:

- Directly and indirectly support sustainable regional economic well being by creating local jobs and stimulating the Bella Coola Valley economy;
- Significantly reduce our dependency on diesel generated power and greenhouse gas emissions;
- Carefully consider ways to minimize disturbance to the natural environment, in particular fish habitat; and,
- Enhance the overall resiliency of the Bella Coola Valley energy supply.

We further acknowledged the importance of this project as we are in a remote region that is susceptible to unique (energy and climate change) challenges. In short, Nuxalk Nation's continued commitment to supporting a more resilient and sustainable future for the Bella Coola Valley is valued and sincerely appreciated.

We look forward to continued collaborations and engagements with Nuxalk Nation on this exciting project over the short and long-term. We wish Nuxalk Nation the best in their continued efforts to advance the development of the Nooklikonnik Creek Hydropower Project.

Sincerely,

CC: Nuxalk Nation, Chief and Council

Nuxalk Nation, Clean Energy Department

*Attachments: Nooklikonnik Creek Hydropower Project: Project Fact Sheet*