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To: [to be sent to]:
Heiltsuk Nation TC
Nuxalk Nation
Ocean Falls Improvement District
Member of business community in Ocean Falls

Dear [Respective leader]:

I am reaching out to you about the Ocean Falls Community Revitalization Committee. As you may recall, at the 2019 Union of BC Municipalities convention, the Central Coast Regional District (CCRD) met with Premier John Horgan to raise the issue of derelict buildings in Ocean Falls. Following that meeting, the CCRD resolved to explore the establishment of a committee tasked with developing a revitalization assessment report for Ocean Falls that included considering options for derelict buildings.

This committee was to have representatives from the CCRD, the Heiltsuk Nation, the Nuxalk Nation, the Ocean Falls Improvement District, the business community of Ocean Falls (representative to be appointed by the CCRD), the province, and the Government of Canada. The CCRD invited Premier Horgan to appoint a member to the committee to represent the province, and he has designated Jennifer Rice, MLA for North Coast and Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness.

The province has provided funding to hire a professional facilitator to assist in planning and facilitating the committee meetings and drafting a final report and revitalization plan for the committee's consideration. We are working towards holding the first committee meeting via video conference in February 2022.

The province has also been assisting the CCRD to put together a framework for the committee's work, including collaborating on a draft Terms of Reference, project timeline, list of tasks for the facilitator, and draft Ocean Falls community profile. These documents will be sent to committee members for review and feedback once their representation is confirmed.

The goal is that the committee will take a collaborative approach to building a revitalization plan that capitalizes on the unique perspectives, insights, and mandates that each committee member brings to the table. To that end, I am asking you to please confirm the name and contact information for the appointed representative from your organization who will sit on the committee.

Please confirm the representative by January 14, 2021. Once I have received confirmation of your appointed representative, the CCRD and the province will set up a time to meet with each agency representative individually to discuss next steps

If you have any questions about the information contained in this letter, or about the committee in general, please contact Evangeline Hanuse, Acting CAO and Corporate Officer at the CCRD, by phone at



250-799-5291 or email at ehanuse@ccrd.ca; and/or Brent Mueller, Director, Governance Relations, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, by phone 778-698-3220 or email at Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca .

Sincerely,

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Chair, CCRD