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To: jkennedy@ccrd-bc.ca
Subject: New Business development in Firvale

Dear Ms. Kennedy, I am writing to you as a resident of Firvale to inquire if the Regional Directors will address the situation at [REDACTED].

The owner has begun an extensive commercial enterprise consisting of all new all inclusive cabins, domes, septic field, lodge etc. This was brought to my attention because I have appealed at BC assessment because my home at [REDACTED] -which has remained the same since it was built in 1975- has been assessed at twice the 2021 rate for the average rural Bella Coola property. In spite of a considerable investment in infrastructure at [REDACTED] the owner of this business is being taxed solely on a single residential family dwelling and his 2021 assessed value rose by a mere (roughly) \$30,000, a sum which is lower than assigned to my property.

He has also upgraded the value of this property at the expense of his neighbours by having an excavator divert a mountain creek so that in floods, instead of coursing through very large under highway culverts, it now flows onto the land around him -destroying fields, driveways, causing a sinkhole to begin and blocking the highway costing an untold amount to clear the debris. This diversion may also -because all this water now no longer flows into the river -raise the water table which affects us with even worse than usual flooding as the surrounding fields now must drain through our property and not into the river.

It is my understanding that local government is responsible for enforcing bylaws regarding the illegal diversion of water courses so I hope that you will be able to rectify this situation. I also hope you will investigate the operation at [REDACTED] of a commercial enterprise on residential land at a residential tax rate. Thank you for your attention, Sincerely, Nancy Atkinson

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