



June 28, 2021

District of Barriere  
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Barriere, BC  
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**ATTENTION: MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**RE: LOUIS CREEK INDUSTRIAL PARK (LCIP)**

SimpCW First Nation (SimpCW) would like to work with the District of Barriere (DOB) concerning any further development and/or movement of ground matter at the Louis Creek Industrial Park ("LCIP").

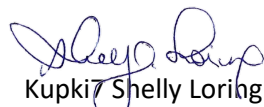
Based on the historic use and occupancy data that Simpcw has gathered and continues to gather in order to prove our "use and occupancy" of a certain area; Simpcw has the evidence of archaeological and cultural heritage resources. In November 2011, Simpcw commissioned a "Strength of Claim" for the area now known as the Louis Creek Industrial Park (attached).

The land ("tmicw") in the LCIP is within the territory ("SimpCWulecw") of Simpcw a claim of unceded and unsurrendered aboriginal title, rights and interests. The LCIP is within a Simpcw high archaeological potential and cultural heritage value area. The location was a gathering site of the Secwepemc upon invite, and a fishing station and habitation area of the Simpcw.

Therefore, Simpcw recommends Archaeological Impact Assessments (AIAs) to be completed by Tmicw Cultural Services (TCS) LLP. Cultural heritage, including archaeological knowledge and protection, is integral to the spiritual, cultural and economic well-being of Simpcw. This collaboration and reconciliation will allow Simpcw to address the non-protection of archaeological sites (found or unfound) and, to generate more interest in local cultural heritage, as well as build capacity within the Simpcw First Nation to carry out this meaningful assessment on the impact of development on the tmicw.

We request that the District of Barriere CAO and NRD Manager to meet to discuss the details on further developments. We look forward to your response of acknowledgement of Simpcw concerns. If you have any questions, please contact Kerri Jo Fortier, Natural Resource Manager at [NRD.Manager@simpcw.com](mailto:NRD.Manager@simpcw.com).

Thank you,

  
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