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District of Barriere Box 219 Barriere, BC VOE 1E0

To Whom it May Concern:

RE: Letter of Support - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, British Columbia, Green Infrastructure, Environmental Quality stream

Simpcw is a Campfire of the Secwépemc ("Spread out People") which encompasses 5,000,000 ha in the North Thompson and Robson Valley extending from north of McLure to the headwaters of the Fraser River near McBride, to Tête Jaune Cache, over to Jasper and south to the headwaters of the Athabasca River.

The Simpow First Nation is pleased to provide a letter of support to the District of Barriere with respect to their grant application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. Simpow supports the development of infrastructure initiatives that are environmentally and socially sustainable.

Obtaining grant funds would allow the District of Barriere to upgrade its water and sanitary sewer system including much needed wastewater treatment plant upgrades.

The infrastructure project is located within the ancestral lands of Simpow, therefore Simpow expects the District will:

- Contract the services of the Simpcw Natural Resource Department to complete the Archaeological Overview, including Impact Assessment (if required) and Cultural Heritage monitoring during construction;
- 2. Provide acknowledgement of project having the support of the Simpcw First Nation, with signage, incorporation of Simpcw logo, website and presentations; and
- 3. Reaffirm the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Simpow.

Simpow First Nations remains committed to working with the District as a partner and supports their funding application for this project.

Sincerely,

Kukpi7 Shelly Loring

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