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Attention: Chief Administrative Officer

Dear Sir/Madam:

Subject: TNRD Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) - Appetite for Update

By way of this letter we ask for your organization's input to our Board of Directors as to whether the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Regional Growth Strategy (RGS), a long range planning document to inform change and development within the TNRD, should be opened for revisions and updates.

In the year 2000, the Board of Directors originally adopted the RGS and then completed a major amendment in 2013 via Bylaw 2409. The current Strategy is enclosed for your reference or can be found via the following link:

https://www.tnrd.ca/planning-development/planning/regional-growth-strategy/

The Board of Directors accepted an RGS information report and endorsed a consultation plan at its Committee Meeting on October 22, 2021. As legally required (*Local Government Act*, *Part 13*), the Board cannot unilaterally decide that no review is necessary; rather, we must reach out to stakeholders, including municipalities, First Nations, school districts, and various Ministries to determine if there is 'appetite' for a review.

We would appreciate receiving your input on whether you believe an update is warranted and any additional comments you may offer on or before March 5, 2022, so that we may compile these to our Board. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Regina Sadilkova, RPP, MCIP GM of Development Services

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Encl. TNRD Regional Growth Strategy Bylaw No. 2409, 2013

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Recommendation:

WHEREAS the Thompson Nicola region has experienced a 30% increase in housing costs in recent years; and

WHEREAS there is a lack of affordable housing in the North Thompson Valley; and

WHEREAS the District of Barriere sees a benefit in the development of regional seniors housing, recreation, flood mitigation, shared services and fire protection planning;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Council support a newly revised Regional Growth Strategy