

North Shuswap Incorporation Feasibility Study Group

Charles Hamilton, CAO Columbia Shuswap Regional District

Re: North Shuswap Incorporation Feasibility Study

Dear Charles,

Following our meeting with you last fall, a number of interested persons continued to work on the opportunity to provide more information to the residents of the North Shuswap regarding the possibility of some form of incorporation.

It has not been determined the potential boundaries, or final structure of this incorporation, or indeed whether incorporation is even feasible. It has been determined that an initial study must be done by an experienced, independent consultant. We hope they can pull together the disparate facts needed to determine the viability of some or all of the North Shuswap being offered the chance to incorporate.

At our meeting last fall you said that if we were able to pull together the following items/initiatives, you would be happy to offer the CSR's cooperation with this study. Please note the following:

- An initial committee has been struck, comprised of various members of the North Shuswap, from a number of different areas of the North Shuswap. The members are noted below.
- A Phase 1 Background Research proposal has been prepared by TRUE Consulting. Attached.
- Private funding is in place to proceed with this Phase 1 proposal.
- Our conversations with local residents and organizations show widespread public support for this study though there are many unknowns. We anticipate this Phase 1 report will answer the questions and more. Please see the attached letter of support from the North Shuswap Chamber of Commerce.

As these initial requirements have been met, we ask that you submit this letter as our request for approval from the CSR Board to enter into this Phase 1 Background Research. We also ask that you request CSR staff to provide assistance to TRUE consulting in providing what help and information may be necessary to complete this report.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact us.

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