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Growing communities – one idea at a time

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Re: Support of the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance

Nadina Community Futures believe that an equitable and reasonable revenue sharing agreement would encourage economic activity and economic development in the Northwest, and would thereby benefit the business community and people of the Northwest considerably.

Furthermore, an equitable revenue sharing agreement would have significant benefits for businesses in the Northwest, including both proponents of major new capital projects, and local businesses, large and small that have been operating in the area for years. Revenue sharing will help build local support for major projects; help keep local business fees and taxes down; help recruit employees to the Northwest and retain them for the long-term; and perhaps most importantly, ensure that the local governments have the capacity to supply the services and infrastructure that businesses need.

Revenue sharing would provide Northwest local governments with a proportionate share of the revenues collected by the provincial government from this economic activity. Having a share would assist the local government fiscal shortfall in the Northwest and significantly improve the livability and sustainability of the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Martinsen", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kim Martinsen
General Manager