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District of Kitimat
270 City Centre
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Attention: Mayor and Council

Re: Northwest British Columbia Resource Benefits Alliance

On behalf of the approximate 1800 active and retired members of Unifor Local 2301 I am writing this letter in support of the Northwest BC Resource Benefit Alliance securing a new funding agreement with the BC government.

At Unifor Local 2301 we agree that the communities in the Northwest should have a more direct benefit from the projects in our area and the contributions that we make to our province.

As a social Union our purpose is not only to protect and advance the rights and needs of our members, but to build a better society for all.

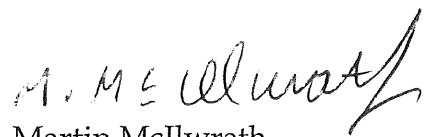
While building sustainable, livable communities should be of paramount importance in any society and the economic development that creates our sustainable communities and good jobs is a good indicator of achieving those goals. Economic development should not be the only indicator.

If the Northwest BC Resource Benefits Alliance is successful in securing this new funding agreement with the BC government, our organization suggests that the District of Kitimat puts a policy in place to establish what the District of Kitimat can use its share of the funding agreement for. Physical infrastructure projects, such as, roads, bridges, sewer and water, etc. are important to support resource development, but we would like to see the District of Kitimat use the majority of these proceeds to create a "Kitimat Social Justice Fund" to build and expand the social infrastructure in our

community, such as, affordable housing, accessibility and programs for persons with disabilities, protections for victims of domestic violence, etc. We believe this is truly how you build a sustainable, livable community

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. McIlwrath". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Martin McIlwrath

President

Unifor Local 2301