



January 17, 2012

Dear Mrs. Sarah Waters:

Thank you for taking the time to write me regarding the Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation (“museum”), and the invite for Kelly Lake Cree Nation’s (KLCN) participation in the UNESCO Global Geopark initiative.

Kelly Lake Cree Nation (“Nation”) are from the one of the original tribes of the Rocky Mountain Indians, in our language we are called the “As’in’l’wa’chi Ni’yaw Nation”. This is great news for our Nation because we have been long advocating with government to take action where it concerns sensitive use areas, not only from a paleontological perspective but from an anthro/archaeological perspective as well. KLCN are prepared to assist with your efforts and to assist in supporting any fundraising efforts to make the Geopark become a reality. Some of the companies that we have previous relationships with and who have provided capacity funding, and community investment for educational and cultural programs in the past include:

Suncor Energy: <http://www.suncor.com/en/community/679.aspx>

Encana: <http://www.encana.com/responsibility/investment/submitrequest/canada.html>

Enbridge:

<http://www.enbridge.com/InYourCommunity/CommunityInvestment/ApplyforFunding.aspx>

Conoco Phillips:

<http://www.conocophillips.ca/EN/sd/investment/documents/ConocoPhillipsBrochureFINALB.pdf>

Alliance Pipeline: <https://www.alliance-pipeline.com/WebForms/CommunityAlliance.aspx>

KLCN has long been searching for a partnership and a relationship with a museum in our efforts to provide a greater understanding and co-operation between the public and the Nation, development of a partnership means it will assist in attracting funding, broader appeal and historical relevance of our collections and displays of our rich history in the area, more detailed displays of our Nation's collections of artifacts and attraction of the Rocky Mountain Indian culture and heritage will give increased opportunities for the Geopark to research to interpret First Nations' history and culture in our territory. We also think it is valuable to provide an education, and inspiring experience regarding our culture and traditions to students in the Peace Region and as well as the general public.

In the process of developing a protocol between the museum, the committee and the Nation, I would very much like to be involved in some capacity possibly as a committee member with this Geopark Initiative. It is my hope the process to develop a protocol will ensure that we can work together to identify and agree on common interests and determine the scope and nature of an appropriate protocol. The protocol may outline a simple, agreed-upon process for developing further the Geopark project and where similar interests and goals are outlined. The Nation also recognizes the need for re-affirming the protocol from time to time, to reflect changes within the parameters of the Geopark goals or the Nation.

I thank you for informing KLCN of this opportunity and the potential one day our desire for a future place to house and display some of our key artefacts to be returned to the Nation from various museums such as: Royal B.C. Museum, Glenbow Museum, Canadian Museum of Civilization and the American Museum of Natural History, is imperative as well to a project of this magnitude.

In the spirit of connectedness,



Chief KWARAKWANTE Cliff Calliou  
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