



March 26, 2024

Kevin Clark

Pemberton Valley Dyking District (PVDD)

Re: Letter of Support for Natural Resource Canada Climate Change Adaptation Proposal

Dear Kevin Clark,

The Lil'wat Nation people have been on this land since time out of mind. Qwe'lqwe'lu'sten (Mt. Meager) is an important location within the traditional territory and there are many stories related to that place.

As Territory Stewardship Manager for the Lil'wat Nation, I support your project. I understand that the project has four (4) components: monitoring, restoration work on the slide debris, engagement and reporting. I will support all aspects of the project and look forward to being involved so I can contribute to an advisory role and professional role as well as have the Lil'wat Nation Skel7awlh Stewards involved with the work.

As a participant in the Pemberton Valley Emergency Management Committee (PVEMC) I understand the flooding issues in the valley and other hazard risks associated with Qwe'lqwe'lusten. I have to say that I am aware of the inattention that the Indian Reserve lands regarding appropriate flood protection.

I appreciate that the proposed project goal is focused on the restoration of functional ecosystems. I look forward to working collaboratively with the project team on designing and implementing the appropriate methods.

In closing, I feel that the Lil'wat people's sharing through ceremonies and story-telling about the area of Qwe'lqwe'lusten is an important part of meaningful community engagement that will be vital to the project.

I look forward to working on this project with the PVDD. Best of luck with the funding application.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maxine Bruce", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Maxine Bruce, Territory Stewardship Manager