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Professor Ralph Matthews (Principal Investigator)  
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Dear Professor Matthews :

**Re : Climate Change Adaptation Planning for Northwest Skeena Communities**

I am writing to express, on behalf of the Lax Kw'alaams Band Council, our strong interest and support for your proposed project *Climate Change Adaptation Planning for Northwest Skeena Communities*. We are pleased that the Future Forest Ecosystem Research Council and other partners have agreed to fund this important work in our region of British Columbia.

The Lax Kw'alaams Band Council and the community at large, recognize the profound importance of the environment and natural resources to the spiritual, cultural and economic wellbeing of our people. We also realize that the impacts of climate change will affect our traditional territories in many different and unforeseen ways. We therefore welcome the opportunity to work with you on research to understand some of the ways in which our community and territory will be affected, and to identify how we might respond and plan to meet these challenges in the management of our resources and our community.

We are encouraged by your desire to work with our community to understand the issues and by your emphasis on our work together to identify the priorities of this research rather than simply seeking to study us. As a result, we are pleased that you and

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members of your research team will come to our community to meet with members of Band Council, our resource management team, our Elders, and with members of the community in general. In this way, we may learn from each other and discover new approaches to the management of our resources that are the objectives of this research.

On behalf of the Band Council and our community, I express my support for this research.

Yours truly  
**Lax Kw'alaams Band**



Garry Reece  
Chief Councillor.