



# BURNS LAKE BAND

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December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

**Hampton Affiliates**

Babine Forest Products  
19479 Highway 16, East  
Burns Lake, BC  
V0J1E0

Attn: Steve Zika,

Dear Steve,

First of all I would like to thank you for all the hard work you have been doing, and keeping the people of the Lakes District in your heart and mind. What happened last January is something that no one could have imagined and it's rocked all of us to the core.

The purpose of this letter is to once again thank the Board of Directors for allowing me to attend the meeting in Portland Oregon, it was a pleasure to meet the board, share some company and get to know one another better. I would also like to formally state that the Burns Lake Band, is in "full support" of the board's decision to rebuild the sawmill at Babine Forest Products Company.

Should you require anything further please don't hesitate to contact me by phone; Cell: (250) 812-5277 or Email: [agerow@telus.net](mailto:agerow@telus.net)

Wishing you and the Board of Directors of Hampton Affiliates, all the best for the holiday season.

Yours truly,

Albert L. Gerow, Chief  
Burns Lake Band



## Lake Babine Nation

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June 28, 2012

John Rustad  
MLA  
Nechako Lakes

Dear Mr. Rustad:

We, the Lake Babine Nation is writing in support of the rebuilding of Babine Forest Products sawmill in Burns Lake, BC. We are urging you to support the necessary timber supply for the rebuilding. The earlier the decision the earlier Babine Forest Products can move forward and continue on with its business.

It is a priority for LBN's leadership, as we had over 60 of our LBN members employed at Babine Forest Products who are currently without employment. With the rebuilding of the mill, we can once again participate in a competitive log market, which will allow woodlots, Community Forests, First Nation Forest Licenses and Private Timber owners to be profitable and return money into our communities and government.

Having a strong local economy will allow us to diversify into fuel related businesses such as the bio-energy industry.

In closing, I trust you will consider the needs of our local communities in your deliberations.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Monty Palmantier

Executive Director

cc. Chief and Council

Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Eamon O'Donoghue  
Regional Executive Director, Skeena Region  
Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations  
PO Box 5000  
Smithers BC  
VOJ 2N0

Dear: Eamon O'Donoghue

As outlined in your letter of February 27, 2013 regarding our application for a community forest; we here by request an extension to complete our application. We have made significant progress with Roger Harris and are now at a point where we have come to agreement on the partners who wish to participate in the community forest, and the legal entity to hold and manage the tenure.

The legal entity who will hold the community forest will be composed of Burns Lake Band, Cheslatta Carrier Nation, Nee Tahi Buhn Indian Band, Skin Tyee Nation Wet'suwet'en First Nation, Lake Babine Nation, the corporation of the Village of Burns Lake and regional district of Bulkley Nechako. Based on our agreement we now require time to formally designate the entity and are requesting a six month extension to allow us to complete the following:

- establish the entity encompassing the partners and formalize a governance model;
- Finalize the community forest area;
- Create a management plan suitable to the District Manager;
- Complete these activities by September 6, 2013

We recognize our offer is part of a Lakes timber supply strategy and wish to confirm our commitment to support local business, communities and First Nations participation in the forest sector. At first opportunity we will announce the creation and name of the business that will hold the community forest.

Please find attached, signatures from all representatives indicating our request for an extension and showing our commitment make this community forest a reality.

Burns Lake Band  
Chief Albert Gerow

*Albert Gerow*

Cheslatta Carrier Nation  
Chief Richard Peters

*Richard Peters*

Nee Tahi Buhn Band  
Chief Raymond Morris

*Ray Morris* (1)

Skin Tye Nation  
Chief Rene Skin

*Rene Skin*

Wet'suwet'en First Nation  
Chief Karen Ogen

*Karen Ogen*

Lake Babine Nation  
Interim Chief Frank Alec

*Frank Alec*

Village of Burns Lake  
Mayor Luke Strimbold

*Luke Strimbold*

Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Area E  
Director Steve Freeman

*Steve Freeman*

Regional District of Bulkley Nechako Area B  
Chair Bill Miller

*Bill Miller*

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