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August 15, 2019

Her Worship Mayor Linda Brown and Councillors  
City of Merritt  
Box 189  
Merritt BC V1K 1B8

Dear Mayor Brown and Councillors:

On behalf of the joint Provincial-Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Green Communities Committee (GCC), we would like to extend our congratulations for your successful efforts to measure and reduce your corporate greenhouse gas emissions for the 2018 reporting year.

As a signatory to the Climate Action Charter (Charter), you have demonstrated your commitment to work with the Province and UBCM to take action on climate change and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in your community and corporate operations.

The work that local governments are undertaking to reduce their corporate emissions demonstrates significant climate leadership and sets the stage for broader climate action in the community. Your leadership and commitment continues to be essential to ensuring the achievement of our collective climate action goals.

The GCC was established under the Charter to support local governments in achieving their climate goals. In acknowledgement of the efforts of local leaders, the GCC is again recognizing the progress and achievements of local governments such as yours through the multi-level Climate Action Recognition Program. A description of this program is enclosed for your reference.

As a Charter signatory who has achieved Level 1 recognition and additionally completed a corporate carbon inventory for the 2018 reporting year and demonstrated familiarity with your community's community energy and emissions inventory, you have been awarded Level 2 recognition – 'Measuring GHG Emissions.'

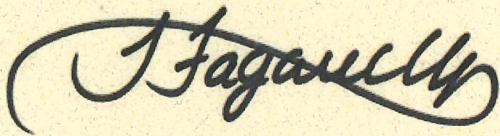
In recognition of your achievements, the GCC is pleased to provide you with climate action community branding for use on official websites and letterheads. An electronic file with the 2018 logo will be provided to your Chief Administrative Officer via email. Also enclosed is a *BC Climate Action Community 2018* window decal, for use on public buildings.

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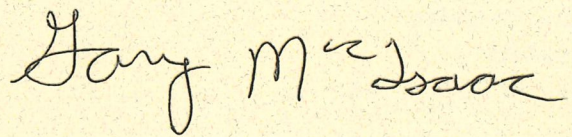


Congratulations again on establishing your corporate emissions inventory and your overall progress. We wish you continued success in your ongoing commitment to the goal of corporate carbon neutrality and your efforts to reduce emissions in the broader community.

Sincerely,

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Tara Faganello  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Local Government Division  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary MacIsaac', with a stylized, cursive script.

Gary MacIsaac  
Executive Director  
Union of British Columbia Municipalities

Enclosures