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BY EMAIL: <u>mayor@barriere.ca</u>

His Worship Mayor Ward Stamer District of Barriere P.O. Box 219 Barrier, British Columbia V0E 1E0

Dear Mayor Stamer:

Thank you for your July 15, 2019, to the Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, regarding the proposed forest agreement transfer from Canadian Forest Products Ltd. to Interfor Corporation. I have been asked to respond.

We appreciate the information you have provided with respect to the vested interest the District of Barrier has in the proposed transfer, and the importance of a continued fibre supply to Gilbert Smith Forest Products Co. Forest sector employment continues to be a critical part of the District of Barriere's economic base.

I would like to assure you that the minister will take this information into consideration during his review of the proposed agreement transfer.

Again, thank you for writing and sharing your information.

Sincerely,

Richard Elliott Executive Director

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