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March 3, 2010

The City of Kelowna 1435 Water Street Kelowna, BC V1Y 1J4

Attention: Mayor Sharon Shepherd

Dear Mayor and Council:

RE:

Proposed Addition to Reserve - Canadian Pacific Railway Lands - being that portion of the former 'Kettle Valley Railway' passing through Penticton Indian

Reserve No.1

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada ("INAC") has been requested by the Penticton Indian Band ("PIB") to add certain lands to the Reserve. The Lots abut the Reserve and for the most part, the Lots were taken under the Indian Act and granted to the Kettle Valley Railway Company (KVR) back in the early 1900's. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CPR) later purchased the KVR and then ceased to use the Lots for railway purposes in the 1980's.

Please be advised that Penticton City Council, at their In-Camera meeting held on Monday, March 3, 2010, passed the following resolution:

Proposed Addition of KVR Lands to Penticton Indian Band Reserve Moved/Seconded:

229/2010

THAT the Council report dated March 1, 2010 regarding the proposed addition of KVR lands to the Penticton Indian Band Reserve be received and referred to the Regular Council meeting along with the following motion;

"THAT Indian and Northern Affairs Canada be advised by the City that we would like to see the ownership of the KVR lands remain under the current ownership of the Federal Government for the benefit of the people of Canada."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

We are therefore asking for a letter of support from the City of Vernon supporting transportation corridors in the Okanagan. In order to show unified Okanagan regional support to this request, Penticton City Council would greatly appreciate a letter from you supporting the above resolution.

We thank you for your anticipated support to this important matter. Can you please provide us with your letter of support no later than March 31, 2010. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Toker of our office at 250-490-2405.

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PENTICTON

Dan Ashton Mayor