



January 12, 2018

Sharon Hadway, Regional Executive Director,
West Coast Operations
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
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Dear Sharon,

Thank you very much for your invitation to apply for a Community Forest Agreement. Our office received the invitation over the Christmas season and the board met yesterday to start to understand the requirements and discuss some of the information received in a meeting with BCTS and District staff on January 10th.

We look forward to additional clarification on a number of concerns. This includes information from the regional timber supply analyst that will help the public understand the harvest flow, and sustained yield models that were used to establish the initial AAC associated with the land base chosen by your staff.

There are a number of areas of the offer that our board is concerned about including the 50/50 net revenue split, but we will look forward to working with a professional forester to explore the opportunity. We don't have information at this time about how the Council of Haida Nations will respond to the proposal for a short term transitional tenure, but we appreciate the innovative offer and look forward to the potential of a successful partnership.

Our board trusts that a Community Forest tenure that will benefit all island residents of Haida Gwaii and showcase sustainable area based forest management can be realized with cooperation and a convergence of interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Merilees".

Andrew Merilees, Chair
Misty Isles Economic Development Society

Cc. Craig Sutherland, ADM, Regional Operations Division – Coast Area
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