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RE: Nuclear Energy in British Columbia

Dear Premier Eby, Minister Dix, and Mr. O'Riley,

Like other resource communities in BC, Mackenzie has lost a significant number of jobs and industrial tax revenue in the last 5 years due to the state of the forest industry in BC. The District has been actively looking at ways to diversify its economy through investment attraction and support for our local enterprises in seeking new opportunities. Access to adequate power has become a barrier in our community to support economic diversification and light or heavy industrial development.

The BC Clean Energy Act currently focuses on renewable energy sources such as hydroelectric, wind, and solar, while excluding nuclear energy as a viable option for meeting the province's energy needs. As global energy demands grow and the transition to a low-carbon future continues, nuclear energy is recognized as a stable, low-emission power source that can complement intermittent renewable sources.

The District of Mackenzie Council has passed a motion to request the Province re-examine the BC Clean Energy Act to include nuclear energy as a viable component of the energy strategy, allowing for a diversified and sustainable energy future for British Columbia.

The District believes that reconsidering nuclear energy within the BC Clean Energy Act is critical

to diversifying the energy mix, ensuring grid stability, and meeting future energy demands. This re-examination is particularly important as the province strives to meet its ambitious climate goals while maintaining a reliable and affordable energy system.

Sincerely,



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