

February 22, 2022

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Mr. Richard Cannings, MP  
South Okanagan-West Kootenay  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Cannings:

**Re: BC Wildfires Petition – Letter of Support**

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At the February 14, 2022 Regular meeting Oliver Council resolved to support the BC Wildfires Petition originally from the District of Lillooet, and to further request our Member of Parliament to present this letter to the Clerk of Petitions and upon receiving certification, to the House of Commons.

The BC Wildfires petition that was previously sent to BC Municipalities from the District of Lillooet, is addressed to the Government of Canada and asks for the Government of BC and Canada to empower local persons, those working with licensees, industry and contractors, Indigenous communities, ranchers and workers such as fire fighters, forestry workers, and all those that see the day-to-day issues and have front line knowledge to provide feedback on the inconsistencies and shortcomings with regard to forest management and wildfire prevention in order to help bring about much-needed change.

Inspired by the Ontario government who assembled an 'All Hazards Agency' that employs people to manage fire, flood and slides, we believe that BC needs this type of agency as well.

The Town of Oliver supports the District of Lillooet's belief that impacts to lumber prices and job availability, mill closures, current and future mudslides, damage to critical habitat, and house insurance increases are trickle effects that will continue to have detrimental effects on BC's future if we do not make necessary changes to current forest practice procedures.

Consequently, the Town of Oliver calls upon the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide better forest management and wildfire protection by assessing the current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working to re-evaluate and change those that are not.

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We respectfully request that you present our letter supporting the District of Lillooet's BC Wildfires petition to the Clerk of Petitions and upon receiving certification, to the House of Commons.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Johansen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Martin Johansen  
Mayor

cc Council  
Councils of BC Communities



**District of Lillooet**

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December 15, 2021

File #: 0400-20

*Via email:* brad.vis@parl.gc.ca

Brad Vis, MP for Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

**To:** Mr. Brad Vis:

**RE: BC Wildfires Petition**

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The District of Lillooet (the "District") Councillor Laurie Hopfl has taken part in conversations with many stakeholders across our community regarding the needed changes to protect BC forests and every living thing in them.

On December 7, 2021, Councillor Hopfl made a notice of motion at the District Regular Council Meeting and sought Council support for a call to action as outlined in a petition, "BC Wildfires" that was signed by 46 Lillooet area residents.

The BC Wildfires petition, enclosed with this correspondence, is addressed to the Government of Canada and asks for the Government of BC and Canada to empower local persons, those working with licensees, industry and contractors, Indigenous communities, ranchers and workers such as fire fighters, forestry workers, and all those that see the day-to-day issues and have front line knowledge to provide feedback on the inconsistencies and shortcomings with regard to forest management and wildfire prevention in order to help bring about much-needed change.

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As such, the District Council passed resolution R-235-2021:

*THAT Mayor and Council accept the petition "BC Wildfires" for information;*

*AND THAT the petition be provided to the House of Commons and that MP Brad Vis may address the petition there;*

*AND THAT staff write a letter on behalf of Mayor and Council that reiterates and supports the points in the petition;*

*AND FURTHER THAT the letter be sent to the MLA, MP, and all Councils of BC communities.*

We respectfully request that you present the BC Wildfires petition to the Clerk of Petitions and upon receiving certification, to the House of Commons.

We invite other BC communities to adopt similar resolutions and join our efforts to bring about change in BC.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Mayor Peter Busse  
District of Lillooet

cc: All UBCM Member Local Governments  
Jackie Tegart, MLA for Fraser-Nicola  
encl. BC Wildfires petition

## BC Wildfires:

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Ontario created an 'All Hazards Agency' that employs people to manage fire, flood and slides. We believe BC needs this too. Create full time, year around employment for forest restoration and management for fire fighters.

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We need to make a change to protect BC Forests and every living thing in it.

### Therefore:

This petition is calling on our Provincial and Federal Governments to provide better forest management and wildfire protection by assessing the current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working and to re-evaluate and change those that are not.

Reference: Youtube: 'A Valley Destroyed', The story of Monte Lake & Paxton Valley, Part 1 & 2

	NAME (PRINT)	ADDRESS (FULL Address and City)	EMAIL (PRINT)	SIGNATURE (SIGN)
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THEREFORE

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14. Paddy Weston	116-11 <sup>TH</sup> AVE		
15. JEFF LOR	632 Main St		
16. Daryle Hayward	112 Hoey		
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22. JEFF LOR	632 Main St		
23. Jan Taylor	405 Kennedy Pk		
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29. LAUREN WHEAT	PO Box 2045 Lillooet B.C.		
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ONCE BOTH SIDES OF THIS PETITION ARE COMPLETED, PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE POSTAGE-FREE TO:

BRAD VIS, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT – House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

A paper petition must contain a minimum of 25 valid signatures with addresses. A petition must contain original signatures written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied or otherwise transferred to it. Each petitioner must sign (not print) their name directly on the petition and must not sign for anyone else. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness.

# PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

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34. WAYNE COOK	Box 1507 Lillooet, B.C.		
35. Bob Armitstead	Lillooet BC		
36. Ron McKay	Lillooet BC		
37. Michael/Sam	Lytton BC		
38. Maria Torres	Lillooet		

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