



City of Campbell River
From the Office of the Mayor

June 5, 2025,

To All Resource-Dependent Communities in British Columbia

Dear Mayors and Chairs Across British Columbia,

On behalf of the City of Campbell River Council, I am reaching out to invite your community to join a collective advocacy movement aimed at amplifying the voices of resource communities across British Columbia.

Resource communities like ours play a vital role in the economic fabric of the province of British Columbia. However, we often face unique challenges that are overlooked in broader policy discussions. By coming together, we can ensure that our collective concerns are heard and addressed at the provincial and federal levels.

Objectives:

- **Raise Awareness:** Highlight the significant contributions of resource communities to the provincial economy.
- **Advocate for Supportive Policies:** Influence policy decisions that directly impact resource-based communities.
- **Foster Collaboration:** Further strengthen partnerships between resource-based communities, so that we can work together, share best practices and strategies, and amplify results.

Key Initiatives:

1. **Targeted Communications:** We will launch a campaign to educate urban centres, policy makers, and the general public about the economic value of resource communities.
2. **Outreach:** We will continue to build a coalition of resource communities to strengthen our advocacy efforts.
3. **UBCM:** The City has submitted a UBCM resolution (attached) and is applying to host a session at the 2025 Convention.

As leaders who have witnessed firsthand the incredible contributions and resilience of Campbell River, and resource communities across BC, we are deeply passionate about this initiative. We recognize that your community faces similar challenges and shares the same dedication and commitment to ensuring a prosperous future for all. Together, we can amplify our shared concerns, influence policy decisions, and drive change that will support the long-term growth and resilience of resource communities.

Please join us in this important initiative. Your insights and participation will be instrumental to our collective success.

Looking forward to working together for the betterment of all resource communities in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Dahl', written in a cursive style.

Kermit Dahl
Mayor

Inclusion of Rural and Resource Communities in Provincial Economic Decision-Making

WHEREAS rural and resource-based communities continue to be a significant economic driver in both rural and urban areas across British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS communities throughout British Columbia are experiencing job losses and heightened economic challenges arising from trade uncertainties, and provincial legislation and policies that disproportionately affect resource industries such as forestry, mining, energy, and aquaculture;

AND WHEREAS these communities are integral to the provincial economy, contributing substantially to British Columbia's GDP, employment, and export revenues, while sustaining the economic vitality of urban centres through interconnected supply chains, workforce migration, and complementary industries;

AND WHEREAS current provincial decision-making processes frequently lack adequate representation and consultation with rural and resource-based communities, leading to policies that may inadvertently jeopardize the sustainability, cohesiveness and resilience of these regions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to formally recognize the critical economic contributions of rural and resource-based communities and to ensure their meaningful inclusion in the development of legislation, regulations, and economic strategies that impact resource industries by:

- Prioritizing economically viable access to resources;
- Supporting innovation within each sector to foster sustainable growth and enhance competitiveness;
- Actively engaging with each resource sector and its stakeholders to comprehensively understand their unique challenges and opportunities; and
- Take decisive action to amend policies and legislation based on the unique challenges and opportunities identified
- Removing restrictive legislation on resource sector industries.