

Bulkley Nechako Regional District
37 3rd Avenue, PO Box 820
Burns Lake, British Columbia V0J 1E0

December 2nd, 2021

Dear Board of Directors,

As property owners in the Regional District, not far from the proposed location for the crematorium, we would like to voice our support of this rezoning application.

We have followed this application when it was before the Town of Smithers and again during the current zoning process. We appreciate the lengths the applicant has gone to invest time and resources into this project. Particularly, this includes the work to educate the public, council, regional district Rural Representative and staff about cremation including addressing perceived impacts. We feel they have addressed identified concerns, which are understandable yet turn out to be quite unfounded, regarding smoke, smell, and emissions. We are comfortable with the applicant's proposal, regulating legislation, supporting expert's statements & choice of industry-leading cremation equipment.

Through the rezoning process there has been public misinformation spread both over social media and through a petition circulating that has painted a negative, inaccurate picture of crematoriums.

Our family is very comfortable supporting the establishment of a crematorium in our area as it brings this essential service to the Bulkley Valley with state-of-the-art equipment. Supporting this business also means supporting a new business start-up and keeping dollars in our community.

Regards,

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