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Via email: mel.arnold@parl.gc.ca

Mel Arnold, Member of Parliament North Okanagan-Shuswap House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Arnold:

RE: BC Wildfires Petition-District of Lillooet

At their January 11, 2022 regular meeting, the Village of Chase Council considered correspondence from the District of Lillooet regarding the increasing risk and occurrences of wildfires, landslides and flooding in British Columbia.

In support of the 'Call to Action' petition and the District of Lillooet's motion, the following resolution was passed by Chase Council:

"THAT the Village of Chase send a letter to our Member of Parliament, Mel Arnold and copy our Member of the Legislative Assembly, Todd Stone, the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development, the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, the Premier of British Columbia (with copies to the District of Lillooet and all UBCM member local governments) requesting that our Provincial and Federal Governments provide better forest management and wildfire protection practices in British Columbia by reviewing and assessing the current policies and guidelines and inviting feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders, with the sincere intent to make meaningful changes to the forest management and wildfire protection practices in British Columbia to provide better protection for all of us from wildfires, landslides, and floods."

As we are all aware, the wildfires, landslides and floods that have ravaged so much of British Columbia over the past years will only continue to damage valuable forests, businesses, homes and take the lives of humans and animals, if no action is taken to lessen the effects of climate change in BC with particular attention to forest management and wildfire protection practices.

We respectfully request that you share this correspondence with the House of Commons, and that the Call to Action will be answered as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

**VILLAGE OF CHASE** 

Rod Crowe, Mayor

Cc: Todd Stone, MLA, Kamloops-South Thompson

District of Lillooet

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