

December 6, 2019

Mayor and Council Resort Municipality of Whistler 4325 Blackcomb Way Whistler, BC V0N 1B4

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: 17th Annual BC Natural Resources Forum – Invitation – January 28th to 30th, 2020

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 17^{th} Annual *BC Natural Resources Forum* January $28^{th} - 30^{th}$, 2020. The annual event is hosted at the Prince George Conference and Civic Centre. The *Forum* is the largest natural resource conference in Western Canada attracting over 1,000 delegates representing almost 500 different organizations.

The 2020 Forum includes many high caliber speakers including Chief Councillor Crystal Smith, Haisla Nation; Peter Zebedee, CEO, LNG Canada; James Thompson, Vice President, Western Region, CN; Alan Dunlop, Vice President, Asset Development Chevron Canada; Michael Crothers, President & Country Chair, Shell Canada; Affonso Bizon, General Manager, Rio Tinto BC Works as well as a keynote address from Premier John Horgan. We are also pleased to be hosting five of British Columbia's resource sector Ministers at the popular and always sold-out Ministers' Breakfast.

A key contributor of the *Forum's* huge success as the largest natural resources forum in Western Canada is the unprecedented participation of a large contingent of Indigenous leaders, all levels of Government and the broad cross section of the resource sectors. There is no other gathering that provides this diversity of speakers, delegates, exhibitors and leaders under one roof to explore issues, challenges and opportunities facing BC's and Western Canada's dynamic resource sectors. The *Forum* is recognized for its ability to foster respectful discussion about the vital importance of the Northern economy. It sets the stage for new relationships and facilitates productive dialogue about new business and community opportunities. The high caliber speakers, sold-out trade show and sold-out keynote dinner, lunches and breakfast, reflect the relevance of this event.

We hope you will consider attending the 2020 *Forum* for the opportunity to be part of the discussion on cross-sector solutions and help shape the future of the Province's resource economy. For more information on the BC Natural Resources Forum and to register, please visit https://bcnaturalresourcesforum.com/.

Sincerely,

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