

# BC Coalition of People with Disabilities

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**Re: Cold Water Respite Lodge Ranch**

To whom it may concern:

The BC Coalition of People with Disabilities (BCCPD) is writing to express its strong support for the Cold Water Respite Lodge. When it is operational the Lodge will provide respite vacations to individuals with disabilities, alone or with their families and/or caregivers. We understand that there is currently no facility in BC that provides this service.

Respite vacations are extremely important to the quality of life of people with disabilities, their families and caregivers. Indeed, a break from day-to-day routine is important for the well-being of everyone, but unfortunately many people within the disability community are unable to benefit from such a respite because of the lack of available resources and appropriate facilities.

The Cold Water Respite Lodge Committee's vision is that the Lodge will provide guests the opportunity to enjoy the peace and tranquility of nature within a fully accessible environment. The BCCPD hopes that this vision can be brought to fruition as soon as possible and encourages other community partners and sponsors to support this important and very worthy initiative.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Al Hanet  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Birrell'.

Margaret Birrell  
Executive Director