

December 8th, 2015

Dear Sir/Mme:

My name is Rick Gilbert. I am a member of the Williams Lake Indian Band and currently am a member of our Band Council.

I have just received direction from our Band council to begin planning a multicultural gathering for which we will be inviting all ethnic groups in the Williams Lake and surrounding area to join us in sharing and celebrating our diverse cultures. We need to get to know one another. I mentioned to our Council that we too often focus our celebrations inward. We rarely invite the outside to celebrate with us.

This will not be a religious or a political event, although many cultures are tied directly to religious and spiritual activities. We want this event to reflect the traditions in food, music and dances, maybe some storytelling. I am, however, approaching the different churches in Williams Lake because they do have members that are from the different ethnic groups. I need help making contact, especially with leaders from these groups to help me in the planning of this event. I am also reaching out to the service organizations throughout Williams Lake for their support. What will yours offer? To help with our grant applications, we would appreciate a letter from your organization stating you think this would be a worthwhile endeavour.

We have tentatively set the dates of June 11th and 12th of 2016 as a good time to hold such an event. We are hoping that you will see this as an event that will help bring the people who live and work in and around Williams Lake together to celebrate and have fun while learning more about each other's cultures and traditions.

We are asking your organization for support through financial or volunteer work to make this event happen. I will gladly attend one of your meetings to answer any questions you may have.

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Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rick Gilbert', written in a cursive style.

Rick Gilbert, Councillor of the Williams Lake Band
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