



Monday, February 4th, 2013

Dr. Charles Helm
President
Tumbler Ridge Museum Association
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Re: Tumbler Ridge Geopark

Dear Dr. Helm,

As you know, our initiative has had a great deal of interest in the Tumbler Ridge region since you and your colleagues were recognized with a special United Nations International Year of Fresh Water award for work you have done not to just protect and restore aquatic ecosystems in your area but also for your remarkable dedication to both the natural and human history of the Northern Rockies.

As the Chair of the Canadian Partnership Initiative in support of United Nations “Water for Life” Decade, I am writing to express my complete of the proposal you have put forward to create a Geopark in Tumbler Ridge.

I feel fortunate as a Canadian to been able to visit the Tumbler Ridge area, meet its palaeontologists, visit the Peace Region Palaeontology Research Centre, and view the museum exhibits. I was also privileged to see some of the remarkable natural features in the Tumbler Ridge. I am well acquainted with the people proposing the Tumbler Ridge Geopark and can vouch both for the remarkable geological and palaeontological phenomena in the area, and for the integrity and commitment of the volunteers and professionals who have initiated this proposal.

I am happy to give my complete support to what you are proposing based not only on the remarkable things you and your colleagues have done in the past but because I believe that the Tumbler Ridge area is one of the most under-appreciated and under-explored natural history treasures in this country.

Please do not fail to contact me at 403.678.7003 or by email at sandford@telusplanet.net should you require any additional support or information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R.W. Sandford". The letters are cursive and fluidly connected.

R.W. Sandford
EPCOR Chair
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