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Subject: Canadian Bavarian - Letter of Support/Endorsement

Hey Rob,

Hope all is well.

We are currently applying for a grant under the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund Program: <u>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/economic-development/support-organizations-community-partners/rural-economic-development/manufacturing-jobs-fund</u>

We are on step 2 of the 2 step application process under 'Stream 2 – Capital Investment'.

Our proposed Project is to:

- 1. Build a new manufacturing building at our facility to accommodate #2 below;
- 2. Purchased a lumber scanner with an integrated optimizing chop line (this automation will allow us to greatly increase inventory throughput volumes with extreme grading consistency);
- 3. Modernize/upgrade other key pieces of equipment such as kilns, ripsaw etc.

The Project will allow us to:

- a. Lower processing costs and expand into otherwise cost-prohibitive product lines;
- b. To increase production given a high degree of automation and consistency in an area that has historically been a bottleneck for us;
- c. Increase employment opportunities given greater production and throughput;
- d. Provide higher paying jobs given new, technical machinist positions;
- e. Use lower grade inputs and add increased value to 2nd growth raw materials and help facility the move away from old growth;
- f. Remain relevant and competitive in the marketplace.

The application calls for "Letters of support or endorsement". I was wondering if it would be possible for you and, potentially, other council members to provide us with such a letter as elected representatives of North Cowichan?

Cheers

Georg

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