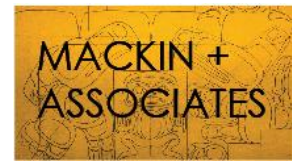


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To whom it may concern

I am delighted to submit this letter in support of Ric Durfeld and Durfeld Log and Timber (DLT).

My architectural firm has worked with DLT on numerous projects over the past several decades, including constructing a two-family residence in Vail Colorado, several houses in Whistler BC, and three community buildings for British Columbian First Nations communities such as the newly completed Tsawwassen First Nation Youth Centre. Through all projects, DLT's standard of craftsmanship, knowledge, fairness, and hard work have all exceeded expectations. The quality is exceptional, and in my experience as an architectural practitioner DLT is the most qualified and consistently excellent log and timber firm in British Columbia.

Ric Durfeld has a deep commitment to working together with First Nations. For projects my architectural firm is currently undertaking with BC Indigenous communities, Ric has shared with Indigenous craftsmen, woodworkers, and artists his technical expertise in crafting pole and beam structures. Indigenous communities tell me that Ric is respectful of their knowledge and culture. In turn, he shares with Indigenous woodworkers his understanding of how log construction meets the needs of modern, environmentally conscious structures.

Environmental considerations are an important part of Ric's contribution to British Columbian and Canada-wide construction technologies. The Youth Centre structure mentioned above has been verified by the Canadian Wood Council as being carbon negative: that is, the structure sequesters considerably more CO2 equivalent than is used in the manufacture and transportation of all the concrete, steel, and wood combined within the structure. The ecological advantages of mass timber, combined with crafted Western red-cedar logs DLT supplied and prepared with minimal ecological damage, contributed to the Youth Centre receiving a 2021 Canadian Green Building Award. I understand DLT has made further innovations in environmentally-sound fabrication of poles and look forward to the results of these innovations in the future of Canadian architecture.

As described above, Ric Durfeld and DLT are deserving of recognition for their craftsmanship and for their commitment to the well-being of the environment and communities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Mackin". To the right of the signature, the letters "PhD" are written in a smaller, less distinct hand.

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