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Alison Slater, Executive Director
Southern Interior Local Government Association
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Dear Ms. Slater,

On behalf of Community Connections I would like to nominate the City of Revelstoke for their excellence in Economic Development for their support of our Food Security work. While food security is an issue of social responsibility, environmental sustainability *and* economic development, it is the City of Revelstoke's Director of Economic Development that has supported this work for the past six years.

Beginning in 2014 with the commission of a Food Security Strategy, the Director of Economic Development had the foresight to see that food security is a major issue of our time and our isolated community. Since that time, the City of Revelstoke has supported projects and programs to improve our community's food security through both cash and in-kind funding.

With the support of our City Staff and Council, we have been able to develop programs to recover and distribute food to vulnerable citizens, support local farmers through numerous training opportunities, create a variety of local resource guides, host several community food events, support the creation of a second farmers' market, develop a school breakfast program and a food bank garden. The municipality's support of our work brings authenticity and trust to our funding requests and regional presentations. We hope that you will consider the City of Revelstoke for a Community Excellence Award.

Sincerely,

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Melissa Hemphill, Food Security Coordinator

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sheena Bell', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Sheena Bell, Executive Director