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NCLGA Congratulates Rural Advisory Council Appointees

The North Central Local Government Association extends its congratulations to all appointees of the province's Rural Advisory Council. Of the 14 individuals appointed, 7 are from the NCLGA's region. Further, many of these individuals are, or have been, members of the NCLGA itself. From Vanderhoof Mayor Gerry Thiessen to former Terrace Mayor David Pernarowski, the NCLGA is confident that the new council's members will represent our vast area's unique challenges very well.

In September 2013, rural communities in British Columbia have expressed their desire to see a greater understanding within the provincial government of the current challenges facing rural communities. In response, The Province established the Rural Advisory Council, "created to offer a strong new voice for rural citizens, ensuring that rural British Columbians have regular and meaningful input to government policy decisions on how to best support rural prosperity and thriving rural communities across B.C."

"I'm optimistic about the Rural Advisory Council," says NCLGA President Brian Frenkel. "This shows The Province is listening to those who make B.C.'s economy run – those communities who are so integral to our resource industries' success."

Once again, a sincere congratulations is extended to all Rural Advisory Council Appointees. The list of appointees that fall within the NCLGA region are as follows:

- Eric (Rick) Thompson, McBride
- Gerry Thiessen, Vanderhoof
- David Pernarowski, Terrace
- Sue Kenny, Dawson Creek
- Chief Roy Jones Jr., Skidegate
- Bill Holmberg, Houston
- Tom Hoffman, Williams Lake

Established in 1955, the North Central Local Government Association is a coalition of local governments that advocate for a prosperous and sustainable North Central British Columbia. Our jurisdiction covers 70% of BC's landmass and includes nearly 60% of the Province's aboriginal population.

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