PIB LETTERHEAD

February 8, 2021

## To: Habitat stewardship program for species at risk – 2021-2022

Re: Funding Proposal for Sickle Point, Kaleden, BC

The Penticton Indian Band (PIB) recognizes the importance of Sickle Point as the last remaining natural wetlands on Skaha Lake. It is home to many endangered fauna and flora and simply stated, it needs protection. For this reason the Penticton Indian Band supports the Save Sickle Point Committee, (a sub-committee of Kaleden Community Association) and the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen’s efforts in raising funds to publicly purchase the property, we will be an active partner in the restoration.

A Memorandum of Understanding is being developed between the three organizations that will ensure the land remains in its natural state into perpetuity. This joint initiative, between the PIB, Regional Government and a local community group, will be historical and set an example for other endangered areas in Canada.

We fully support the application to the Habitat Stewardship Program for $100,000 towards the purchase of this property. It is the first step in stopping development and rehabilitation.

Respectfully submitted.

Chief Greg Gabriel