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To whom it may concern at the Columbia Shuswap Regional District

Re: Public Hearing Submission – Bylaw No. 851-12

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Eagle Pass Heliskiing bylaw amendment application BL851-12.

Stella-Jones owns and operates a utility pole production facility at 1221 Pole Yard Road, which is immediately adjacent to the applicants proposed bylaw amendment location. This facility currently has regular operating hours from 5am – 9pm daily (6 days per week), but periodically operates 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Stella-Jones (and its predecessor Bell Pole) have been providing stable, high paying employment at this location without a shutdown since 1968 and fully intend to continue to do this into the foreseeable future. This is a very industrial site with loaders, logging trucks, rail cars, chain saws, and the pole peeling machine all creating considerable noise and dust continuously during the operating hours.

Stella-Jones does not have any concerns specifically with the applicants proposed bylaw amendment but is quite concerned about the potential for Eagle Pass (or another future owner) to be unhappy with the Stella-Jones operation. By sharing this information in advance, Stella-Jones expects that the applicant accepts the reality that they are located adjacent to an industrial site and does not expect Stella-Jones to modify operations at our facility in the future. Stella-Jones would also like an assurance from the CSRD that this bylaw amendment would not in any way affect our operations, as any imposed required changes to our current business practices could make our operation unviable.

Thank you for acknowledging our concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick McMechan'.

Patrick McMechan, RPF
Revelstoke Yard Supervisor and Forester

