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**Honourable Minister Lesa Semmler**  
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**Minister Semmler,**

**Subject: Appreciation for Your Recent Visit to Nahanni Butte and Announcement on Initiatives**

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your announcements during your recent visit to the community of Nahanni Butte. It meant a great deal to our residents and leadership that you were here *in person*. We recognize that your time is valuable and that you are often balancing many competing priorities, so your presence in our community made these announcements all the more meaningful. Thank you.

We are encouraged by the news that your Ministry is considering additional training supports for our Community Health Worker, as well as exploring the inclusion of Nahanni Butte in the pilot project for Nurse Practitioners in Health Cabin communities.

We firmly believe that Nahanni Butte is a community worth investing in, and your Ministry's actions demonstrate that you share this belief. Our Council and staff look forward to working closely with Health & Social Services in the coming months to help bring these initiatives to life.

Please accept our thanks once again for your commitment to our community.

Mahsi Cho

Chief Steve Vital  
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CC: Honourable Shane Thompson, MLA Nahendeh



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November 27, 2025

Dear Honourable Minister,

**Re: Recent Announcements During Visit to Tthets'éhk'édéli First Nation**

I want to express my appreciation for your recent announcements during your visit to Jean Marie River. It was important to me that you were actually physically IN our community. We recognize that your time is valuable, and you must often be torn between competing interests, so to have you IN our community to make your announcements made everything more meaningful. Thank you.

It is great news that your Ministry is considering additional training for our Community Health Worker and that you are considering including Jean Marie River for a pilot project of Nurse Practitioners for the Health Cabin communities.

We believe that Jean Marie River is a community worth investing in, and you and your Ministry are demonstrating that belief, too, with this initiative. Our Council and staff look forward to working with Health & Social Services these coming months to make your initiatives a reality.

Mahsi Cho,

Chief Melania Norwegian-Menacho  
Tthets'éhk'édéli First Nation