

## Media Release

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### Resources North Association winds down September 30

Prince George, B.C. — Resources North Association (Resources North), a BC non-profit society based in Prince George, will voluntarily wind down its operations effective September 30, 2015.

Resources North Chair Stephanie Killam said that the directors regretted needing to make this decision, but are proud of the organization's legacy of success in building collaborative approaches to land and resource management and community stability and prosperity in northern BC.

"Thanks to our project funders, partners and staff of the past eight years, Resources North is proud to have supported inclusive dialogues, cooperative land management conferences, natural resource forums, species at risk initiatives, sustainable forest management, climate change adaptation, labour needs in the resource sectors, and education on innovative approaches to agroforestry and bioenergy," Killam said. "Our final 2015-2016 projects are on track, but since there are no significant new projects or funding on the horizon, the directors recognize it is time to entrust oversight of this work to others."

Resources North currently administers a number of trust funds that are designated for specific resource management projects. The trust funds support the Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board (for work related to the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area, a protected wilderness area), implementation of the Peace Northern Caribou Plan, a small streams study in Prince George, and landslide susceptibility mapping and research projects throughout British Columbia.

The charitable non-profit Fraser Basin Council (FBC), which has an office in Prince George, will assume responsibility for administration of the provincial trust funds upon dissolution of Resources North to allow for completion of the projects. Independent project committees originally set up to oversee each project will continue to determine use of the funds for scientific research and program work.

"We are pleased to have this opportunity to support partnerships that Resources North has helped foster in the region," said FBC Executive Director David Marshall. "The Fraser Basin Council supports a collaborative approach to sustainable resource management, and we want to be of service to all orders of government, including First Nations, the natural resource sector and other interests to explore better ways of working together."

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## Background

### **Resources North Association**

Resources North is a not-for-profit society that strives to unite natural resource dependent communities, First Nations, industry and government to find and implement durable solutions to resource and land use conflicts in northern British Columbia. [www.resourcesnorth.org](http://www.resourcesnorth.org)

### **Fraser Basin Council**

The Fraser Basin Council (FBC) is a not-for-profit society that advances sustainability in the Fraser River Basin and throughout BC. [www.fraserbasin.bc.ca](http://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca)