



City of Whitehorse

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Tom Morphet
Mayor of Haines
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Dear Mayor Tom Morphet,

Thank you for your letter dated February 12, 2025 reaching out to reaffirm our communities' continued friendship.

On behalf of the City of Whitehorse, I recently joined the Border Mayors Alliance, a growing group of Canadian border towns and cities. You will find attached a joint statement on our shared interests. I also extend an invitation to add your name to the Border Mayors Alliance, which I would encourage you to consider. This initiative aims to foster collaboration and unity between our communities, especially in light of the threat of tariffs.

The relationship between Canada and the United States is unparalleled, marked by a history of cooperation, mutual respect, and shared values. Our towns and cities along the border are living examples of this successful partnership. We are not just business associates and colleagues; we are friends and family, bound by a common purpose and shared aspirations. Specifically, the longtime social and economic interests between Yukon and Alaska are something I'm particularly proud of. Indeed, Whitehorse and Juneau have been Sister Cities for more than 30 years, and we have close, active relationships with our neighbours in your community and Skagway. We value these close ties and appreciate how they have enriched the lives of our residents.

At the same time, Whitehorse City Council is deeply concerned about the impacts on our local businesses and workers and is engaging with partners to ensure a coordinated response to the ongoing threat of an American trade war. As you can imagine, we stand united with our Canadian family during this challenging time.

The Border Mayors Alliance seeks to strengthen international ties by advocating for the well-being of the Canadians and Americans who reside in our border communities. By joining forces, we can prevent the adverse effects of an unnecessary trade war and work towards solutions that benefit both nations. In the coming weeks, each of us will be taking proactive steps to advocate for our communities, including highlighting the unique challenges we face along the border. We believe that by collaborating with other levels of government, businesses, and organizations on both sides of the Canada-US border, we can make our shared border, safer, stronger and more profitable.

We invite you to join us in this endeavor, to link arms and ensure that our communities continue to thrive. Together, we can create a future where our border is not a barrier, but a bridge that connects us. Please feel free to reach out to me directly at 867-689-7894 if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further. We look forward to your positive response and to working together for the betterment of our communities.

Sincerely,

Kirk Cameron
Mayor

c: City Council