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To whom it may concern:

Re: Reference for 1867 Confederation Log and Timber Frame

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have been asked to provide a reference for 1867 Confederation log and Timber Frame. I am doing so without hesitation. Over the past 6 years, we have worked together on two projects. I say "*worked together*", because they provided input at the early conceptual design stages of the project. Given that residential construction is not the main focus of my architectural practice, consulting with Rick and Andy at the early stage of the process allowed me to develop realistic overall project budgets for my clients. Once the preliminary concepts and budgets were approved by the client, they were very helpful in assisting me to develop the unique details to incorporate their timber frame with my design concepts.

On both projects, we worked with the Timberlinx concealed timber joint fastener system. I was very pleased with the details that were possible with this system. Upon review of the shop drawings, I had some doubts about the connectors for some of my 8-foot cantilevered roofs. The end product exceeded my expectations. The lines and joinery were very pristine and precise.

On one of my projects, the frame was erected by the owner's forces. Confederation provided on-site assistance and guidance. This proved to be a rewarding experience for the owner's crew. The frame assembly went very smoothly and quickly.

I have found Rick and Andy easy to work with. They recognize the importance of developing accurate preliminary budgets quickly. They were also very responsive during construction to provide additional frame components required due to site conditions in a timely way.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

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