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Re: Jesse Oldham
Dear Sir or Madam:

I am co-artistic director of the Valhalla Summer School of Music. I have spent August in the Slocan Valley for the past 18 summers. This summer, I finally purchased what I hope will be my retirement property. After the purchase, I immediately asked around about builders. Everyone I knew in the valley spoke well of Jesse. So, I asked Jesse Oldham if he would consider building a home for me. He was interested, but made it clear that he would need to reacquire his BC builder's license and regain membership in the National Home Warranty Program. I was thrilled that he would proceed and I am willing to wait until he has his license. In the meantime, Jesse has been extremely helpful in discussing the process, choosing a great plan, planning the building site, and sharing very thoughtful and helpful advice on adjustments to the plan and potential costs and cost savings therein. I chose Jesse to build because of several reasons.

I have three friends from Calgary who had Jesse build and renovate for them. Bruce Pachkowski is a highly successful capital investor and oil and gas CEO. As such, he is extremely particular about all of his projects. He was totally happy with Jesse's work renovating his summer home and building a carriage house. In fact, Bruce recommends Jesse without qualification. He says he is professional, thorough, straight forward, honest, extremely hard-working, knowledgeable and communicates very well. Jesse did renovation work for my friend Kay Best in her summer home and built new spaces for John Kadz in Hills, matching beautifully the new cabin and buildings with the hundred year old cabin which was already there. Like Bruce, Kay and John speak extremely highly of Jesse's work and the whole process of building with him. The results speak for themselves and all three are as happy now as they were when the work was completed. I am not totally aware of the process that Jesse has to go through for this license, but I wish him well and I am anxious to start building with him as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

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