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Chris Bone, Strategic Initiatives & Partnerships
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Dear Chris:

Re: Knox Bell Music Venue - Feasibility Study Funding Update

We are excited to update you on our Knox Bell Music Venue, Feasibility Study. The Community Arts Council of Prince George & District (CAC) and Trinity United Church Prince George (TUCPG) made a joint presentation to City of Prince George (CPG) City Council on October 18th, 2021. At that meeting we shared our vision and plans to expand the place making potential of the Trinity United Downtown Campus (formerly Knox United Church) by creating a live music and events venue within the existing site.

Since then, we have assembled a full funding package for the feasibility study totalling \$50,000. Our funding partners are:

Federal: Canada Heritage Cultural Spaces Fund, \$19,000

Provincial: BC Arts Council, \$11,000

National: United Church of Canada, \$5,000

Local: Prince George Community Foundation, \$10,000; Downtown Prince George \$5,000.

This unique, multi-partner funding construct provides a strong indicator for the value and merits of expanding a much loved, heritage site into a fully activated shared community space, a space that aligns with several Council focus areas including infrastructure, partnerships, placemaking, and economic resiliency. This is in addition to the site's location within our downtown district, which we understand may undergo a revitalization planning process this year. We continue to be hopeful of finding mutually beneficial involvement with CPG Council and Administration.

We anticipate sharing the results of the feasibility study with our partners and stakeholders, as well CPG Administration and Council in Spring 2022, and look forward to potentially starting renovations soon thereafter.

Yours truly,

Sean J. Farrell

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