



May 25, 2022

Mayor and Council
City of Prince George
1100 Patricia Boulevard
Prince George, BC V2L 3V9

RE: Supporting resolution for language training for displaced Ukrainians in Prince George.

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

The Innovation Central Society (HubSpace) is requesting a resolution supporting our proposal to the Northern Development Initiative Trust for assistance in enhancing the job readiness of displaced Ukrainians who have come to Prince George. Our application to NDIT is for \$68,706 under the Northern Healthy Communities Fund's Capacity-Building stream.

As of May 25, 2022, we are aware of 10 families from Ukraine who have come to Prince George. We hope to welcome significantly greater numbers in the coming months. Finding employment is a top priority for most of these families, and the travel visa issued by the federal government allows them to work in Canada for two years.

A major impediment in finding employment is their proficiency in English. Existing language training is limited in the amount of time available to learners, as well as the schedule (classes do not run during the summer). Share Hope and St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church approached HubSpace to assist by applying for funding from the Northern Development Initiative Trust to increase the language training available to address these limitations, and confirmed that Immigrant & Multicultural Services Society supports this project.

HubSpace therefore requests that the City of Prince George support the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the Innovation Central Society for the job readiness training for displaced Ukrainians living in Prince George, BC. A sample wording could be:

"The the City of Prince George SUPPORTS the grant application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Capacity-Building program from the Innovation Central Society in the amount of \$68,706 to support language training in Prince George to be funded from the Northern Healthy Communities account."

Please do not hesitate to contact me at MaryMytting@HubSpace.ca if you have any questions.

Regards,

Mary Mytting
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