



## DAVID DOUGLAS BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY

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The Worshipful Mayor and Council of the City of Prince George  
City of Prince George  
1100 Patricia Boulevard  
Prince George, BC  
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Dear Mayor Hall and Council,

### **RE Resolution of Support for NDIT Grant Application**

The David Douglas Botanical Garden Society (The Society) has refined its master plan for an expansion of the botanical gardens to a 23-acre parcel of land under agreements with UNBC at the entrance of campus. The Society is launching its plans to get construction of Phase 2a underway in the summer of 2022. Phase 2a scope includes final design, development (including installation of services and utilities interconnections), construction of a visitor kiosk (includes reception area, accessible deck & public washroom), parking lot, surrounding area landscaping (including axial walkway, maze, all seasons garden, liberation garden and pathways, and a site to accommodate the relocation of the REAPS Compost Centre under an agreement with DDBGS. The Visitor Kiosk is a passive house demonstration building which has been donated by a local firm and will be modified, lifted, moved and placed on site and will house utilities and provide visitor services.

The Society has applied to Northern Development Initiatives Trust for a \$300,000 grant under the Economic Infrastructure Program. The Economic Infrastructure program supports projects of regional and local significance that contribute to economic growth and stronger communities. The Society has raised an additional \$795,000 and the NDIT grant will allow this phase of the project to be completed.

On February 2, 2020, Delegates from the Society provided a presentation to Mayor and Council which was warmly received. The Society seeks a resolution of support from Mayor and Council in the following form

*THAT, the Mayor and Council of the City of Prince George supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from the David Douglas Botanical Garden Society in the amount of \$300,000 for the David Douglas Botanical Garden Expansion Project - Phase 2a with REAPS Compost Centre Project.*

Yours truly

Linda Naess  
President