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## **Request For Support**

Re: Proposed Fraser River Bridge

Dear Mayor and Council of City of Prince George,

I am writing regarding our proposed Fraser River Bridge, to connect the north and south side of our community. As we all know, a massive fire incident happened a few years ago, and in such event, the community members do not have an escape route. Currently, the northside does not have any fire protection. There are numerous other reasons we are asking for this bridge, to make the community more accessible. Some of the key points are:

1. A huge benefit in connecting the LTN community – in both socially, economically and culturally and allow more sustainable methods of transportation like biking and walking.
2. More efficient use of service and resources, eliminates the need to double up services that the community requires to function.
3. The bridge will provide a means to connect water, waste water, and other services efficiently across both sides of the river.
4. Allow the city and regional district to expand water and sewer services using LTFN infrastructure.
5. Will provide emergency escape routes.
6. Brings an alternate means for the river crossing for the community of Shelley.
7. Provides an alternate route when Canfor re-deck / refurbish their bridge so their operations don't slow down.
8. Allows safer traffic flow away from logging traffic.
9. BC Hydro would have better access to maintain their power lines.
10. The proposed bridge is higher above the flood elevation, therefore more resilient than the existing bridge to cope with climate change.
11. Long standing design life with the new bridge and designed for 2019 bridge code, heavy loads (A structure for the next 75 years to 100 years).

We have done the pre-feasibility study funded by the nation and feasibility study, funded by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). Based on the study, class C cost estimate is \$43M, for a 5-span double lane bridge with a length of 321m.

We have approached the federal government through ISC, and in the process of getting the conversation going with the provincial government as well. I am seeking your support, in every way possible, to make this happen. At this time, we ask that Mayor and Council send a letter of support to the federal government with a request to allocate the necessary funding for the project.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact us. Zawad Abedin, Manager, Capital Projects & Asset Management is in-charge of this project for LTFN. His email address is: Zawad Abedin <zabedin@lheidli.ca>

Sincerely,



Chief Dolleen Logan