

December 09, 2022

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

Dear, Mayor and Council,

The Lheidli T'enneh First Nation (LFTN) is applying to the First Peoples Cultural Council Language Revitalization Planning Program for funding. Applicants can apply for up to \$100,000 in funding, plus resources and coaching.

LFTN is intending to develop comprehensive, long-term plans for revitalizing and strengthening the Lheidli language. The project, that will run from April 2, 2023 to March 31, 2024, will build community awareness around language, capture the community's vision for its language, and facilitate development of a roadmap for language revitalization into the future.

The Lheidli T'enneh First Nation's application would be strengthened with letters of support. As such, I am writing to request that the City of Prince George prepare a support letter to accompany the application that will be submitted in January of 2023.

A suggested template letter is attached.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Chief Dolleen Logan

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Cc: Les Baker, President, Atsiyan 'Atsoo Elders' Society

## DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LHEIDLI T'ENNEH FIRST NATION

## Date

Chief Dolleen Logan Lheidli T'enneh First Nation Downtown Office 150 Brunswick St. Prince George, BC V2L 3B5

Dear Chief Logan:

We are pleased to write in support of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation (LTFN) application to the First Peoples Cultural Council (FPCC) for funding from the Language Revitalization Planning Program.

We acknowledge the importance of the Lheidli Dakelh language to your nation. We are aware that there are only a few members who are fluent in the Lheidli Dakelh language and that revitalizing the language and motivating more members to learn it is a high priority for the LTFN.

We are aware that the application for funding from the FPCC Language Revitalization Planning Program is just the first step toward revitalizing the Lheidli Dakelh language within your nation. These funds will help develop a Language Revitalization Plan that will act as a roadmap to allow LTFN to achieve this important priority. Once your nation has a Lheidli Dakelh Language Revitalization Plan the next step would be for LTFN to apply for funding to implement that plan.

We acknowledge that revitalizing the Lheidli Dakelh language is a key priority for your community as indicated during the Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) session held during your Annual General Assembly (AGA) in August. Indigenous leaders have been clear for many years in stating that if Indigenous communities and nations lose their language, they lose their identity. This is why we are so pleased to support you in ensuring that this does happen to the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.

Sincerely yours,

Name, Title & Organization
Contact email and/or telephone number