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Re: Letter of Support for the Prince George Backcountry Recreation Society's Grant Application to rebuild the Grizzly Den Cabin

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Prince George, I'm writing this letter in support of the Prince George Backcountry Recreation Society's application to the BC Destination Development Fund to rebuild the Grizzly Den Cabin.

The Prince George Backcountry Recreation Society (PGBRS) is involved in backcountry recreation-related issues such as access management, cabin management, advocacy, and education. They also manage four cabins near Prince George. The ~50-year-old Grizzly Den Cabin, in Sugarbowl-Grizzly Den Park, is in the sub-alpine at the end of a 5 km hiking trail. The cabin has been a busy tourist attraction; however, the years have caused irreversible decay to the structure.

PGBRS is seeking funding from Destination Development BC to remove the old cabin and build a new cabin in the same style in its place to renew the use of the site for all season recreation over the summer of 2023. In addition, a renewed Grizzly Den cabin would create unique hut-to-hut hiking opportunities with the nearby Raven Lake Cabin. This opportunity will bolster the Cariboo Mountain's place as a globally renowned destination for ecotourism.

The City of Prince George is proud to provide its support to the Prince George Backcountry Recreation Society. We hope that their grant application will receive favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Simon Yu
City of Prince George