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Pacific Salmon Foundation
300-1682 West 7th Avenue
Vancouver BC V6J 4S6

Re: Spruce City Wildlife Association's application to the Pacific Salmon Foundation Community Salmon Program for a habitat assessment/restoration project

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Prince George, I'm writing this letter in support of the Spruce City Wildlife Association's application for funding to the Pacific Salmon Foundation Community Salmon Program for a continued habitat assessment/restoration project.

Spruce City Wildlife Association (SCWA) is the local conservation organization in Prince George and was founded in 1970. They are the only volunteer hatchery in the region, and with their recent facility upgrades they are the most technologically advanced volunteer hatchery in the province. Currently they are supporting a stock of chinook salmon from two sections within the upper Fraser River watershed.

Members of SCWA are currently working on a habitat assessment/restoration project at Cottonwood Island Park, in Prince George. This project is based within the side-channel off the Nechako River, that runs through the park. This area becomes refuge for many species of fish, including salmon, during high water levels. Research into this project began in September 2021 and the monitoring program has been continued over the summer and winter months and is proposed to continue moving forward. Further investment is needed in this study to see what can be done to improve the habitat within the side-channel. This area could provide great rearing habitat, as well as hold potential for spawning habitat for many of the species that use it.

The City of Prince George is proud to provide its support to the Spruce City Wildlife Association. We hope that their funding application will receive favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Simon Yu
City of Prince George