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Dear Premier Eby:

Prince George City Council continues to address humanitarian, health, and safety concerns associated with encampments in our community. We are working within our mandate, jurisdiction, and with few resources to find solutions that protect the safety of encampment occupants as well as residents and businesses in surrounding areas.

We need the Province's help to adequately address these serious and complex issues. We sent the attached letter dated January 3, 2023 requesting your direction on how to proceed with the planning of a meeting with City Council, representatives from the many involved ministries and key community leaders from the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, the Prince George Native Friendship Centre, and our locally elected provincial and federal representatives. This letter followed your public acceptance of our invitation to attend a meeting to discuss a collaborative approach to addressing shared priorities. A response to our January 3 correspondence was not received.

During our face-to-face meeting in late January, when the need for a joint meeting with all involved Ministers and key community leaders was reiterated, you indicated your willingness to convene a meeting as an important next step. On January 31, we sent a second letter that is attached, confirming the City's willingness to work with the Province and community leaders to organize a meeting that would build on preliminary conversations with individual Ministries. A response to this letter has not yet been received.

We want to emphasize our interest in and the importance of working with the Province to implement responses suited to our context and needs, that reflect our collaborative efforts to address the health and well-being of unsheltered individuals with very complex housing and service needs, as well as the significant impacts of their presence on the street and in encampments.

We look forward to your much anticipated response.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: January 3, 2023 letter from Mayor Yu to Premier Eby  
January 31, 2023 letter from Mayor Yu to Premier Eby

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