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Honourable David Eby
Office of the Premier
Government of British Columbia
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Eby,

Thank you for publicly accepting Prince George City Council's request to meet with you and Ministers to discuss how we can collaboratively address shared priorities related to housing, health, and public safety.

We were especially pleased to learn of the Province's Safer Communities' Action Plan and note that many of its components align with community priorities.

In addition, we continue to work with Northern Health and BC Housing to advance all phases of the integrated health and housing project on land purchased by the City. As such, we believe the City is well positioned to assist the Province with implementation of its Housing Supply Act, particularly in relation to non-market supported housing options.

The City also enjoys a strong working relationship with the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and the Prince George Native Friendship Centre. We understand the critical importance of Indigenous engagement as we identify solutions to improve outcomes for our unsheltered population, while addressing associated community impacts.

I am writing to seek your direction with respect to next steps. We appreciate that the issues we are responding to transcend multiple Ministries including Housing, Mental Health & Addictions, Social Development & Poverty Reduction, Health, the Attorney General, Public Safety, Municipal Affairs, as well as Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation.

We envision a meeting with Provincial representatives that would allow for fulsome discussion, information sharing, site visits, and the input of key agencies and individuals including 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.

Please let us know how we can best proceed. Perhaps the model that will be used to facilitate the inter-ministerial approach outlined in mandate letters with respect to the Downtown Eastside could be modified to suit the Prince George context and needs.

The City Manager and I are available at your convenience to further discuss this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Yu', written in a cursive style.

Mayor Simon Yu
City of Prince George

cc: Penny Anguish, Chief Operating Officer, NIHSA – Northern Health
Vincent Tong, Acting CEO - BC Housing
Jim Martin, CAO – Regional District of Fraser Fort George
Chief Dolleen Logan – Lheidli T'enneh First Nation
Barb Ward-Burkitt, Executive Director – Prince George Native Friendship Centre
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MLA Mike Morris
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MP Bob Zimmer