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Department of Canadian Heritage
Building Communities through Arts and Heritage
15 Eddy Street, 8th Floor
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0M5

Re: Letter of Support for the Carrier Sekani Family Services Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Prince George, I am pleased to write a letter of support for the Carrier Sekani Family Services and their application for a grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage for the Pillars of Hope and Strength project.

Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) has been working hard to offer holistic wellness services for their member Nations for over 25 years. The organization was created to reassert First Nations control of justice, health, social, and family services, all of which have suffered through the process of colonization. Their staff work together across various disciplines to provide the best possible holistic wellness services to First Nations people in Carrier and Sekani territory. They offer a wide scope of services, all aimed at supporting holistic wellness for their community members. All the programs are built on a strong cultural foundation, uniquely blended with leading evidence-based approaches.

Carrier Sekani Family Services is applying for funding opportunities to build on the Pillars of Hope and Strength project. This project involves the establishment of a series of commemorative signage and two artistic pillars that will be carved and installed at either end of Highway 16 in Prince George and Prince Rupert. These commemorative markers will help raise awareness of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls, honor the lives of those lost, and will provide an opportunity for family members and loved ones to continue their journey of healing. This grant will provide support for cultural infrastructure that they intend to use for the Pillar Project including the Pillars of Hope and Strength, billboards, rest stop kiosks, and more.

The City of Prince George is proud to provide its support to the Carrier Sekani Family Services and we hope that their grant application will receive favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Simon Yu
City of Prince George