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BC Real Estate Foundation
355 Burrard St
Vancouver BC V6C 2G8

Re: Letter of Support for Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia Partnering Fund 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 project titled: ***Investigation and activation of under-utilized and vacant land in downtown Prince George.***

The City of Prince George supports the grant submission for the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia Partnering Fund Grant and is excited to explore partnership with Dr. Rylan Graham of the University of Northern British Columbia on this project.

The City of Prince George is a municipal government responsible for providing local services and governance for Prince George residents. Economic development helps increase the strength and diversity of local and regional economies to create jobs and improve quality of life for residents. Prince George strives to maximize the quality of life for all residents by creating a vibrant civic core. This project supports one of our goals to create, embrace and promote place, positioning Prince George as the catalyst of the modern Canadian north. The proposed research study will assist in helping to build a more vibrant, livable, and resilient downtown for Prince George.

We foresee several benefits for our organization in participating in this research project, including:

- Strengthen the sense of place and identity downtown
- Make the downtown more attractive to new residents and businesses
- Support a diverse, socially integrated population
- An opportunity to build and expand partnerships in the community, including with the University of Northern British Columbia, and with a researcher and collaborator who shares a vision for building a more vibrant, livable, and resilient downtown of Prince George.

We see potential for partnering on this project in the following ways:

- Contributing as a participant in the research
- Leveraging our connections across Prince George to engage community partners
- Dissemination of the findings and results appropriate stakeholders

If you require any additional information, please contact:
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The City of Prince George is proud to provide its support for the grant submission for the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia Partnering Fund Grant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Yu', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Simon Yu
City of Prince George

