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Northern Development Initiative Trust
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RE: Support for the Prince George Airport Authority's - Equipment Storage Expansion Project

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Prince George City Council, I am writing to express support for the Prince George Airport Authority's grant application to NDIT for their Equipment Storage Expansion Project.

We believe that the Equipment Storage Expansion project contained in the Prince George Airport Authority's application is essential to the ongoing development of our region due to its direct relation to airfield maintenance and, by extension, air connectivity to other communities.

Prince George recognizes the ongoing benefits that the Prince George Airport brings to the local economy. Reliable and efficient air service connectivity to other communities facilitates investment into our region, the fostering of social links between our community and others, and the fulfillment of the operational needs of our local businesses. Workforce recruitment and retention is supported by air service, as potential new residents often factor Prince George's connectivity to major centers into their relocation decisions. Tourism is also driven by air travel. For current air service levels to continue and these benefits to remain, the Prince George Airport Authority must be capable of ensuring the airfield is safe and operational. Without the adequate airfield maintenance ensured by this project and its associated equipment purchase there will be a significant, negative impact on our regional economy.

We also realize the broader benefits for regional development that this project will bring. The social wellbeing of residents of northern British Columbia and the delivery of essential services are driven in part by air operations. As the Prince George Airport Authority's project is designed to accommodate a piece of equipment that is essential to the operation of the airport, this funding will ensure that the Prince George Airport can continue to provide economic benefits to our region for the foreseeable future.

The City of Prince George is proud to continue to offer its support to the Prince George Airport Authority and wishes them favourable consideration for their funding application.

Sincerely,

Mayor Simon Yu