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**Re: Letter of Support for Community Futures Development Corporation of Fraser Fort George's application to the Community Workforce Response Grant for Paramedic Training**

Attn: to whom it may concern.

On behalf of the City of Prince George, I am pleased to write a letter of support for Community Futures Development Corporation of Fraser Fort George for their application to the Community Workforce Response Grant for Paramedic Training.

Prince George and surrounding areas have an urgent need for more qualified Paramedics. With aging populations comes increasing healthcare issues and emergency response being required. This coupled with increasing homeless and addition issues in Prince George, our current Paramedics are having to work an increasing number of hours to ensure medical response is available to those in need. Having more trained Paramedics will ease the burden on these professionals and increase lifesaving response time.

Outside of first responders in the Paramedic field, there is a growing need for paramedics to provide service in our natural resource sectors; including those working in forestry, environmental, road construction, and more. These sectors, as well as the construction sector and remote Indigenous Communities, are in continuous need for qualified paramedics to be onsite and fill safety requirements. It is our understanding that the Paramedic Training Program can offer up to 16 placements. These are critical placements in an area where the demand for paramedics is high. We are confident that these 16 placements will fill only a portion of the gap in the labor pool and that there will be a need for more training of this nature.

The City of Prince George is proud to provide its support to Community Futures Development Corporation of Fraser Fort George and we hope that their grant application will receive favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Simon Yu  
City of Prince George