



September 19, 2023

Mayor Simon Yu and Council  
City of Prince George  
1100 Patricia Boulevard  
Prince George, BC V2L 3V9

Subject: **Urgent Request for Letter of Support for Hydra Energy Canada's BCMJF Application**

Dear Mayor Simon Yu, Members of Council, and City Officials,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to you today on behalf of Hydra Energy Canada, an organization committed to advancing sustainable energy and transportation solutions. We have recently submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the British Columbia Manufacturing and Jobs Fund (BCMJF) administered through the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Diversification, and Innovation. Our request for \$10 million in funding is crucial to support the construction of a hydrogen production and distribution facility to be located at 9048 Sintich Rd., Prince George, BC, V2N 5S8.

We are pleased to inform you that our EOI has been accepted, and now we are working diligently to prepare a full application due on September 29th. However, we find ourselves in a position where securing a Letter of Support (LOS) from the City of Prince George is of paramount importance to bolster Hydra's application.

We fully recognize that obtaining a LOS signed by you, Mayor Yu, necessitates Council approval. Nevertheless, we urge you to consider the urgency and significance of this matter. Our project not only aligns with the city's vision for economic growth and innovation but also boasts the advantage of having received prior approval for rezoning.

The BCMJF initiative seeks to invest in high-value, high-growth manufacturing sectors, fostering innovation and sustainability throughout British Columbia.

In support of our request, we have attached a Letter of Support template for



your consideration. We would very much appreciate if you could fast-track the approval process for this critical Letter of Support (LOS), given the pressing deadline and the substantial benefits that this project can bring to our community.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this urgent request. We eagerly anticipate your favorable response and partnership in advancing a more sustainable and prosperous future for Prince George.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Verhagen", is positioned above the printed name.

Jessica Verhagen  
CEO

Dear BC MJF Review Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Hydra Energy Canada Corporation's (Hydra) application for funding from the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund. As the Mayor of The City of Prince George, I have seen firsthand the positive impact that Hydra has had on our local economy and community.

Hydra will be a vital contributor to the manufacturing sector in Prince George, creating high-quality jobs for our residents. Their commitment to innovation and sustainability has made them a leader in the industry, and their continued growth and success are crucial to the economic development of our region.

I believe Hydra's project aligns with BC MJF's and our city's strategic priorities and will contribute to the growth and sustainability of our local economy. The funding will enable Hydra to establish a hydrogen production facility and create additional jobs. BC MJF is designed to help manufacturing companies contribute to clean, inclusive economic growth, foster modernized, innovative, and sustainable operations, and create new investment opportunities in BC, leading to job creation and competitive, strong supply chains. Hydra's investment aligns with BC MJF's priorities in the following aspects:

- 1) Creates 22 new direct jobs, where recent mill closures from Conifex Timber Inc., Canfor Corp, and others have resulted in the layoffs of over 800 workers.
- 2) Brings low-carbon hydrogen online in Canada.
- 3) Hydra (a female-led organization) will support economic development in Northern B.C., particularly through a partnership with Lheidli T'enneh First Nation.
- 4) Increases the volume of hydrogen supply in Canada to support 80+ trucks at project completion.

I support any business, like Hydra, that wants to contribute to technological innovation, diverse economic growth, and leaders in sustainability for Prince George and beyond. Please let me know if I can provide any further support to this application.

Sincerely,

Signature  
[Mayor]