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17 September 2023

Letter of support for REAPS financial request of \$100K

Please accept this as a formal request to fully support REAPS application for funding assistance in the amount of \$100,000 in-kind / monetary for the construction of their Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden.

REAPS has proven over the last 25 plus years that they are a valuable resource to the Prince George community and the regional district of Fraser Fort George. During the last year they have partnered with the David Douglas Botanical Garden society to build a new community resource on the grounds of the University of North British Columbia. However building a new facility from scratch does not come without substantial cost and resources. They are effectively having to start from scratch again in a new location. They have a solid plan if you view their drawings and ambitious plans to serve the community for the long term.

This space will continue to provide the delivery of their educational and outreach programs and events. It was a space that showcased the basics of environmental stewardship in which the community embraced its location and were frequent visitors. Their new location will continue to do this.

We therefore wholeheartedly support their request of last August that the City contribute inkind and/or monetary assistance in the total value of \$100,000 to the initial works needed this project a reality.

Sincerely,

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Shelley Rennick

Chair, DDBGS Expansion Project Committee 10310 Pilot Mtn Rd