

September 15, 2023

The City of Prince George  
1100 Patricia Blvd.  
Prince George, BC V2L 3V9

Dear Mayor and Council:

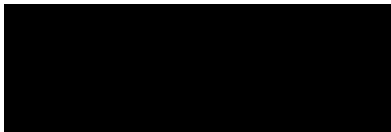
For over 30 years, certainly the length of time I have lived in Prince George, REAPS has been actively involved in raising community awareness on the importance of the three Rs and the resources available locally to help guide residents in adopting a more sustainable lifestyle. They have certainly been a critical educational resource for me as a UNBC professor, have happily contributed to my courses at UNBC, benefitting students and the community equitably and also offering important summer job experience for students seeking such important documented experience on their resume.

REAPS is well known for carrying out a varied and important outreach and engagement program in the communities of the Regional District of Fraser Fort George, and have little competition in doing so, as we have almost no other NGO offering such a broad variety of activities, from education on vermiculture to organizing Junk in the Trunk to reduce items landfilled.

REAPS is a stable community organization consistently providing valuable opportunities and connections within the community.

I ask that you fully support their request \$100,000 in-kind / monetary for the construction of their Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden. They are a worthwhile investment in the long-term future of this community. Given the challenges this organization has faced through their sudden relocation from City grounds, such support is warranted.

With respect,



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