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Mayor and Council
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Re: Letter of support for REAPS request for financial assistance

On behalf of the Society, I am writing to fully support the REAPS application for funding assistance in the amount of \$100,000 monetary and/or in-kind for the construction of their Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden.

The City placed REAPS in a difficult position when they were forced to vacate their space, with very little notice, at Lleidli Memorial Park, a site they had occupied for more than 25 years. For the City to not offer compensation for this move, which includes a new building, relocation and set-up costs at their new site, and purchase of necessary materials, seems entirely unfair and disrespectful. REAPS has provided a valuable service to the City and Regional District for decades and deserves better treatment and consideration. Their advocacy for the basics of environmental stewardship in Prince George is a valuable resource and has been widely supported by the community.

The Society is looking forward to having REAPS on our Botanical Garden at UNBC and know that they will continue to offer the same fine programs and events as in the past.

Therefore, we support their request of August 2023 that the City contribute monetary and/or in-kind assistance to the value of \$100,00 to the work needed to re-locate and continue their fine work.

Yours truly,



Linda Naess
President

Cc: Terri McClymont, REAPS