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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 been a valuable organization for the Mackenzie Community Garden and for my professional career as an educator in School District 57. For the garden and Mackenzie's residents, we have reached out for knowledge and know-how from REAPS and they have always answered. For my professional career as a science teacher in a secondary school, I have reached out to REAPS for information and their expertise in a variety of areas and they have guided me. One example is their worm-compost program which I have used in class. REAPS provided me with the worms, bins and knowledge and I was able to incorporate that into my classroom teaching. It allowed me to bring first-hand experiences to students.

REAPS is a valuable organization that needs to be supported, as it always has been. Prince George is a better, more holistic city with organizations such as REAPS. Mackenzie Community Garden offers its support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kyle Tapper

President of the Mackenzie Community Garden