



February 4, 2024

Mayor and Council

Subject: Request for Resolution of Support for NHCF Grant Application

Dear Mayor Yu and Honorable Council Members,

We are writing on behalf of the Prince George Sexual Assault Centre, a committed entity to serving our community, particularly in addressing the needs arising from gender-based violence. We are reaching out to request your esteemed support for our upcoming grant application to the Northern Healthy Communities Fund (NHCF) through the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT.)

1. **Project Description:** Our proposed initiative, "Healing Pathways: Empowering Survivors in Northern B.C.," aims to enhance the support services for survivors of gender-based violence in our community. This project focuses on expanding our outreach services, including counselling, support groups, and educational programs, to better serve the diverse and growing needs of Prince George and surrounding areas.
2. **Grant Amount:** We are applying for a grant of up to \$300,000 (\$100,000 per year for three years), which we believe will significantly contribute to the project's success and the well-being of our community members.
3. **NDIT Program:** The grant application is being submitted under the "Northern Healthy Communities Fund" program of the NDIT, which we find aligns well with the objectives of our "Healing Pathways" project.
4. **Funding Account:** Should our application succeed, the funds would be disbursed from the "Prince George Regional Development Account," ensuring that the resources are directly invested in our local community.



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5. Proposed Resolution: We kindly request the City Council to consider and support the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the City Council of Prince George supports the application by the Prince George Sexual Assault Centre to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Community Halls and Recreation Facilities program for the 'Healing Pathways: Empowering Survivors in Northern B.C.' project, for a grant of up to \$300,000 from the Prince George Regional Development Account, recognizing the significant positive impact this project will have on addressing gender-based violence and supporting survivors in our community."

We believe that with the City Council's support, our application to the NDIT will stand a stronger chance of success, ultimately benefiting the community members we serve. We are available to discuss this request further or provide additional information as needed.

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to the opportunity to further contribute to the health and resilience of our community with your support.

Sincerely,

Lynnel Halikowski

Executive Director, Prince George Sexual Assault Centre