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Subject: Support for the Environment and Infrastructure Wildfire Risk Assessment (EIWA) Project

We are writing to express our interest and provisional support for the Environment and Infrastructure Wildfire Risk Assessment (EIWA) project. This project, which focuses on enhancing the assessment of and responsiveness to wildfire risks in Prince George, B.C., is of significant importance to our community's safety and resilience.

The City of Prince George recognizes the need to understand and mitigate the impacts of wildfires on our infrastructure, air quality, and public health. SFU's approach in investigating hazards, vulnerabilities, exposure, and resilience across multiple dimensions, including fire propagation, air quality, power grid stability, and health outcomes, aligns well with our city's goals for sustainable development and disaster preparedness.

Given the scope and potential benefits of the EIWA project, the City is keen to explore avenues for active participation. We are prepared to offer the following contributions to assist in the success of this initiative:

1. **Provision of Data:** Provide data, as appropriate, regarding the City's residential and industrial infrastructure, which will support assessment of vulnerabilities and planning mitigation strategies.
2. **Community Engagement:** Utilizing the City's established networks to help facilitate connections with areas that may have a higher risk, which will support ensuring that those areas are heard and have their experiences included in the wildfire risk assessment process.
3. **Co-Creation Workshop Hosting:** The City, pending availability, will help to host and support co-creation workshops that aim to engage stakeholders from various sectors, fostering a collaborative environment for innovation and shared learning.
4. **Expertise and Local Input:** Local experts, ranging from urban planners to emergency services, will be made available to provide insights and knowledge that will enrich the project's understanding of local conditions and needs.

We believe that through collaboration the EIWA project can advance our collective ability to manage and respond to wildfire risks. We look forward to working together towards enhancing the safety and resilience of our community and discussing our involvement further.

Thank you for considering Prince George as a location for this project.

Sincerely,

Prince George City Council

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