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Subject: Letter of Support for a Situation Table

The *City of Prince George* is pleased to provide a letter of support for the supplemental training for the Situation Table in its community.

Many existing and emerging public safety challenges require ongoing, multi-sector collaboration by the police, social service providers, and health agencies to preserve and promote community safety. We are encouraged that additional investment is being considered for the Prince George Situation Table. These funds will help enable *Prince George's* front-line service providers to proactively identify vulnerable people and families at imminent risk of harm or victimization and rapidly connect them to services before they experience a negative or traumatic event (e.g. overdose, eviction, etc.). The benefits of Situation Tables include:

- Improved collaboration among service providers;
- Improved service delivery;
- Reduced demand for emergency and police services;
- Reduced risk of criminal offending and victimization; and
- A fostered awareness of complex community issues.

The City of Prince George is aware that with the support of the Province, the successful implementation and maintenance of a Situation Table will require participation and collaboration from local government, police, and human services agencies.

The City of Prince George is committed to these priorities and will make concerted efforts to ensure the success of the Situation Table noting both the deadline of September 12th to allow for processing ahead of the interregnum period and our mutual understanding that work to satisfy FOIPPA requirements, such as the necessary Privacy Impact Assessments, can be processed after the grant has been approved.

Sincerely,

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City Manager