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Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program

Re: Letter of Support for the Association of Caledonia TrailBuilders' Grant Application

On behalf of the Councillors of Prince George, I am pleased to extend our unequivocal support for the Association of Caledonia TrailBuilders' application for grant funding through the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program. The initiative to develop an extensive non-motorized trail network on Tabor Mountain, located less than twenty minutes from downtown Prince George, represents an invaluable opportunity for our community.

This ambitious project promises to significantly enhance Prince George's growing reputation as a premier mountain biking destination. Situated at the intersection of Highways 16 and 97, Prince George is strategically positioned to attract mountain biking enthusiasts traveling through Northern British Columbia's established biking hubs. By expanding the Tabor Mountain trail network, we will not only cultivate our adventure tourism sector but also generate a ripple effect of economic benefits, especially for the local hospitality industry.

Furthermore, the quality of life in Prince George is intrinsically tied to the rich array of outdoor recreational opportunities available to residents. The expansion of these trails will serve as an additional asset, helping to attract and retain skilled professionals, particularly those drawn to the city's natural beauty and active lifestyle offerings. As our existing trails for mountain biking, running, hiking, and snowshoeing are increasingly in high demand, the Tabor non-motorized trail network will provide much-needed recreational infrastructure that promotes physical well-being and fosters healthy community development.

For these reasons, we wholeheartedly support the Association of Caledonia TrailBuilders' grant application and believe this project will play a key role in shaping a more vibrant and sustainable future for Prince George.

Sincerely,

Mayor Simon Yu  
City of Prince George