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Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills (PSFS)

Re: Letter of Support; College of New Caledonia Proposed Student Housing Project

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the College of New Caledonia's (CNC) proposed student housing project in Prince George, BC. This initiative is crucial for addressing the current shortage of student housing and enhancing the overall student experience in our community.

Currently, CNC provides 92 beds in the original student housing building, constructed in 1995, and an additional 12 units for Indigenous students in Nahoonai-a, constructed in 2021. Despite these efforts, the availability of student housing is insufficient to meet the growing needs of the student population. As a result, students are forced to compete with other potential tenants in the local rental market, which exacerbates the housing crisis in Prince George.

The proposed project will be located off-site but near the Prince George Campus, ensuring easy access for students. This new development will significantly increase the capacity for dedicated student housing, providing a safe, affordable, and accessible living environment for students. It will also play a vital role in improving the overall student experience, making Prince George a more attractive destination for prospective students.

In conclusion, I fully support CNC's goal to build a new student housing facility.

Sincerely,

Mayor Simon Yu City of Prince George