

**Date:** January 23, 2025

**To:** Prince George Mayor and Council

**Subject:** Letter of Resolution Request - Northern Development Initiative Trust Northern Healthy Communities Fund Capital Grant Application

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Providence Living, I am writing this letter to request a Letter of Resolution for the Providence Living Northern Development Initiative Trust Northern Healthy Communities Fund Capital Grant Application.

Providence Living is requesting that the City of Prince George supports the Northern Development Initiative Trust grant application in the amount of up to \$500,000 to support facility and equipment needs for a new long-term care home in Prince George. The funding will specifically support capital improvements and equipment for a 200-bed long-term care home, a 37-spot daycare and 30-person Adult Day Program space to serve the growing community.

The 200-bed home, opening in Winter 2027/28, represents critical healthcare infrastructure featuring 16 households, an 8-bed Geriatric Psychiatry unit, daycare, and Adult Day Program space. The home design includes essential community service amenities like a grocery store, bistro, chapel, indigenous spiritual space, and household living areas that will serve the growing senior population.

The home will address regional infrastructure gaps in senior care while providing expanded community services. Building on Providence Living's established Comox home model (2024), this project will expand local healthcare capacity to serve over 500 waitlisted seniors and support increased service delivery through specialized care spaces and equipment.

The funds for this project would be paid from the Northern Healthy Communities Fund - Capital Program.

The proposed wording of the resolution is below.

**Proposed Resolution:**

That the City of Prince George supports Providence Living's grant application for the Northern Development Initiative Trust Northern Healthy Communities Fund in the amount of up to \$500,000 to support facility and equipment needs for their new 200-bed long-term care home.

This investment will enhance critical healthcare infrastructure in Prince George through capital improvements and equipment for the home's integrated daycare and Adult Day Program spaces, helping address regional care needs and expand community services when the home opens in Winter 2027/28. The project will transform Prince George by addressing the critical shortage of over 500 waitlisted seniors requiring care, while creating more than 200 meaningful healthcare jobs. The innovative household model, featuring 16 intimate 12-bed living spaces, will set a new standard for dignified senior care in the region. The facility's integrated 37-spot daycare and 30-person Adult Day Program will foster valuable intergenerational connections and provide

essential support for families caring for loved ones at home. Building on the success of Providence Living's award-winning Comox facility (2024), this project will help keep families together by providing local care options while building a more connected, supportive community through its innovative programs and services.

The requested grant amount to be funded from the Northern Healthy Communities Fund - Capital Program will support the development of essential community healthcare infrastructure while creating impactful and lasting economic benefits for the people of Prince George.

### **Conclusion**

This project represents more than just a building – it's about creating a community where our seniors thrive, families stay connected, and generations come together.

With Council's support, we can make this vision a reality for Prince George. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important initiative that will transform senior care in our community for generations to come.

Sincerely,

**Scott McCarten**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott McCarten', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vice President, Capital Development