

Date: January 23, 2025

To: Prince George Mayor and Council

Subject: Letter of Resolution Request - Northern Development Initiative Trust Northern Healthy Communities Fund Capacity Building 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 Capacity Building Grant Application.

Providence Living is requesting that the City of Prince George supports the Northern Development Initiative Trust Capacity Building grant application from Providence Living in the amount of up to \$300,000 to support the development of a transformative long-term care home in Prince George. The home will require incremental staffing and education to ensure proper service delivery. The grant funding will specifically support project management, program development costs, staff training for specialized senior care delivery, and community outreach initiatives to engage local healthcare workers and families.

The 200-bed home, opening in Winter 2027/28, will feature 16 intimate households of 12 beds each, an 8-bed Geriatric Psychiatry unit, a 37-spot daycare, and a 30-person Adult Day Program. The design emphasizes a homelike environment with unique amenities including a grocery store, bistro, chapel, indigenous spiritual space, and individual household kitchen and living areas, moving away from traditional institutional settings. The project will address the critical shortage of long-term care options in the region, serving over 500 waitlisted seniors while creating more than 200 caregiving jobs. By keeping families together through local care options and fostering intergenerational connections through its daycare program, the home builds upon the proven success of Providence Living's award-winning Comox home (2024) to transform senior care in the community.

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

The proposed wording of the resolution is below.

Proposed Resolution:

That the City of Prince George Supports the Providence Living's grant applications for the Northern Development Initiative Trust Northern Healthy Communities Fund Capacity Building Grant Application in the amount of up to \$300,000 in support of Providence Living's development of a new 200-bed intergenerational long-term care home, opening in Winter 2027/28.

This new long-term care home will transform long-term care in Prince George through its 200 beds serving over 500 waitlisted seniors, while creating more than 200 caregiving jobs and fostering intergenerational connections through its innovative daycare and Adult Day Programs.

The requested grant amount to be funded from the Northern Healthy Communities Fund - Capacity Building Program will not only help Providence Living in its project development but it will also help to create impactful and lasting changes and economic growth 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