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Satbir Cheema Chief Executive Officer Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society 12725 80 Avenue Surrey, BC V3W 3A6 January 9, 2025

Dear Mr. Cheema,

On behalf of the City of Prince George, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society's Northern BC Workforce Career Transition Training Project. This initiative represents a vital step toward addressing the evolving needs of our local workforce, particularly for those impacted by layoffs in the forestry and milling sectors.

The project's emphasis on "fast track training" for laid-off forest and mill workers in Prince George is both timely and essential. Its inclusive approach—targeting immigrants, Indigenous people, women, older workers, and racialized individuals—strongly aligns with the City's commitment to promoting economic growth and ensuring equitable access to employment opportunities for all residents in our region.

The City of Prince George's extensive experience in supporting employment programs across Northern BC positions us well to provide valuable insights into local labour market trends and emerging opportunities.

We are honoured to provide this letter of support to the Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society for the Northern BC: Workforce Career Transition Training Project and are pleased to support its implementation.

Should you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Yu Mayor

City of Prince George