

May 20, 2025

Mayor and Council  
1100 Patricia Blvd  
Prince George, BC V2L 3V9

City of Prince George resolution in support of the Northern Development Initiative Trust  
funding request for AWAC – Association Advocating for Women and Community

Dear Mayor and Council,

AWAC – Association Advocating for Women and Community is formally requesting a resolution from Prince George City Council in support of our funding request to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a multi-year grant for a total of \$300,000.00 to be submitted by June 15, 2025.

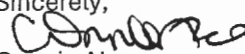
As you are aware AWAC provides a trauma-informed, culturally safe continuum of care for individuals experiencing homelessness and addiction. Our services include emergency shelter, street outreach, harm reduction supports, transitional and supported housing, recovery-focused programs, and employment readiness through work experience. We operate across several structured stages of housing to meet individuals where they are at, offering the right level of support at each step. Our approach emphasizes consistency, compassion, and accountability to help individuals stabilize, engage in recovery, and build lasting change.

Our grant application will enable us to enhance our outreach and recovery services; we are seeking funding to introduce a specialized Youth and Exploitation Recovery Specialist. This role will address a critical service gap by supporting youth who are navigating the complex intersections of homelessness, substance use, trauma, and human trafficking. While our current outreach and recovery teams provide broad support, we recognize the need for a trauma-informed, youth-focused worker who can engage vulnerable individuals with culturally safe, non-judgmental, and consistent care. This position will focus on early intervention, trust-building, and connecting youth to appropriate recovery supports, housing, and safety planning. In addition to direct client support, the worker will also focus on building collaborative relationships with community partners and service providers to increase awareness and coordinated responses to youth exploitation. With the rise in youth exploitation and substance use in our community, this worker will be a vital addition to our continuum—strengthening our ability to respond with compassion, skill, and urgency to some of the most at-risk individuals we serve.

The following is the resolution that we are asking City Council to approve:

***THAT, the City of Prince George supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust from AWAC – Association Advocating for Women and Community for a multi-year grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 for a Youth and Exploitation Recovery Specialist.***

I certainly welcome any questions or comments you may have and look forward to your response. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
  
Connie Abe  
Executive Director

