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Mayor Lyn Hall
1100 Patricia Blvd,
Prince George, BC V2L 3V9

**RE: Acknowledgement and congratulations to community and partners engaged
in the Toward Parity Demonstration Project Initiative**

Dear Mayor Lyn Hall,

It is my pleasure to send, on behalf of FCM, our congratulations to the City of Prince George and your implementing partners UNBC and Inspiring Women Among Us for the excellent effort on the Toward Parity Demonstration Project.

Your community was one of only 20 successful projects from across Canada to receive the grant funding from FCM's Toward Parity in Municipal Politics Project. Your proposal was reviewed and approved by a panel of FCM board members and independent staff.

Despite the ambitious goal of the project, the small size of the grant, the arrival of the COVID pandemic, physical distancing requirements and the increase demand on communities and women's groups during this crisis, you rose to the challenge. You implemented the Claiming Spaces project with tremendous success. Everyone involved should be proud of the work accomplished in extremely difficult times. A short highlight of your leadership in the area of increasing women's participation in municipal politics has been added to the Toward Parity Knowledge Hub, so that other communities can learn and benefit from your efforts.

Your creativity, perseverance and commitment to the project and its goals have been exemplary. Your project demonstrated local solutions to complex issues, delivered on the promises and showcased the leadership of the City of Prince George.

The entire FCM team thanks you. Congratulations to all involved in Claiming Spaces.

Sincerely,

Garth Frizzell
FCM President

c.c UNBC Dr. Meletis and Dr. Booth
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