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Harmony House

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to lend my unequivocal support to the expansion of Harmony House. I have known Maria Brouwer since 2006 when I first moved to Prince George to practice family medicine. She has always had a passion and commitment to working with mothers who struggle with substance use. I have a general family practice with a focus on women's health and obstetrics, including supporting women from CINHS and Carrier Sekani Family Services with their pregnancies. I have connected many of my patients with Harmony House over the years with incredible results that would not have been achieved without her skill, compassion, and experience. Of note, this service has helped to disrupt the cycle of trauma and child apprehension seen in so many Indigenous families, keeping both mothers and children safe and healthy. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely, Dr. Christine Brenckmann FRCP MD MPH MSc University Hospital of Northern British Columbia Clinical Instructor, UBC Family Medicine Residency Program Prince George BC

I would like to acknowledge that the land on which I work is the unceded territory of the Dakelh Peoples, including the territory of the Lheidli T'enneh Nation whose lands Prince George was built on