



South Peace Community Resources Society

*Connecting People – Building Community*

City of Prince George Mayor and Council  
1100 Patricia Boulevard  
Prince George, BC V2L 3V9

**RE: Harmony House Rezoning Zelkwas Avenue**

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express support for the rezoning at 606 Zelkwas Avenue to facilitate the development of Supportive Housing for the Phoenix Transition Society's Harmony House program. Harmony House serves a critical need for mothers and pregnant women in Prince George.

Harmony House has successfully operated a six-bedroom house for four years serving 94 women from across northern BC. 89% of the women who participated in the Harmony House program are successfully living independently with their children. This success is attributed to the highly effective and unique program that provides caring and skilled staffing 24/7 and focuses on strengthening the bond between mother and child, increasing women's confidence. We know that early interventions are the most likely to promote successful attachments with mothers, improve parenting skills which improves the lives of children as well as their health outcomes. Reducing adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) has far-reaching educational, health and social benefits.

Harmony House is committed to constructing a 2-storey building that fits into the neighbourhood. We believe that neighbourhood concerns about safety, drug use and crime are addressed by 24/7 staffing supported by the demonstrated success Harmony House has in their existing development.

We urge you to support this rezoning application, as it serves a critical need in the region. From a land use perspective, this development is in an ideal location as services, schools, and parks are within walking distance. Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,

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