

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

February 5, 2021

RE: Harmony House Rezoning Zelkwas Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council,

This letter of support comes from the Board of Central Interior Native Health Society.

We are 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 is an essential organization in our community, and there is much demand for their services. The resource serves a critical need for mothers and pregnant women in Prince George. Harmony House has successfully been operating their six-bedroom house for four years and has served 94 women from across northern BC. To date, 89% of the women who participated in the Harmony House program have successfully gone through the program and are living independently with their children. This success rate is attributed to the highly effective and unique program that provides 24/7 staffing and focuses on strengthening the bond between mother and child and promoting the women's confidence by teaching life and parenting skills in a non-judgmental and caring environment.

We support Harmony House and know that they are committed to constructing a building that fits into the neighbourhood and is a maximum of 2-storeys. We believe that the neighbourhood concerns about safety, drug use and crime are unwarranted, as the building will be staffed 24/7 and will add to the safety of the neighborhood, rather than detract from it.

We urge you to support this rezoning application, as it serves a critical need in our community and region. From a land use perspective, this development is in an ideal location as most of the mothers living in Harmony House will not have vehicles and therefore having services, schools, and parks within walking distance is important.

Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,

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Erin Anderlini
President