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**Subject:** Harmony House Rezoning

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Re: Harmony House Rezoning Zelkwas Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing as a citizen of Prince George and member of the church at 5<sup>th</sup> and Union since moving here in 1979. My work experience here was as a professional social worker, including many years in the field of addiction. *My purpose in writing is to express strong support for this rezoning application.* 

As I am aware that you will be reviewing a great deal of information and numerous letters regarding this decision I chose to add one brief point.

Thinking about the development of our downtown core I believe it is important to have a better balance between social services, active businesses and housing. While the Harmony House Project is housing, it is also a social service program. When appropriate and feasible, I believe it is important for our City Council to support moving these programs out of the downtown core. The NIMBY attitude exists, and sometimes actual experience is the only way to change

individual attitudes. I believe the project will be successful, and it is my hope that in the years ahead some of those opposing, or even simply concerned, about this project will come to know these mothers as neighbours and become supporters of Harmony House.

In closing I thank you for your attention to this letter, and the massive amounts of information you need to consider for each challenging decision that lands on your desk.

Sincerely,
Beth Quesnel

