

February 12, 2021

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 as a member of Trinity United Church 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 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.

I 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. I believe that Harmony House has demonstrated success in their existing development to minimize concerns about safety, drug use and crime. From a location perspective, this development is in a good location because most of the mothers living in Harmony House will not have vehicles and it is important to have services, schools, and parks within walking distance.

I urge you to support this rezoning application, as it serves a critical need in our community and region.

Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,

Shannon Carson