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

***RE: Harmony House Rezoning on Zelkwas Avenue***

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the rezoning at 606 Zelkwas Avenue for the proposed expansion of Harmony House, a culturally safe community supporting pregnant and parenting mothers. You will have heard the impressive outcomes that Harmony House has had in its short tenure in keeping families together on journeys of recovery and of the lives that have been transformed in the process. You may also have heard of the decades of work and dedicated commitment of passionate community members that have made this dream a reality through passion, hard work and sheer grit. What you may not have heard about Harmony House is that this project is unique in northern Canada and is not only recognized provincially as a transformative and innovative project, but has also been recognized nationally and internationally, from Albuquerque, New Mexico to Sydney, Australia as an exceptional approach.

This desperately needed expansion is something the Prince George community should be deeply proud of as it represents clear steps towards reconciliation after too many years of families being separated. In the midst of unprecedented challenges in providing perinatal care for families, the Harmony House expansion is an incredibly hopeful story and shows the strength of determination of our city. Harmony House is not only of benefit to the city but is a significant support for the entire northern interior and remains a success story for the city and an example for communities globally.

As a specialist physician, academic and proud Prince George resident, I strongly urge the city council to support the rezoning application for this home for pregnant and parenting mothers that is truly a transformational project.

Sincerely,

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