

ABORIGINAL HOUSING SOCIETY OF PRINCE GEORGE

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

RE: Harmony House 606 Zelkwas Avenue

Dear Mayor and Council,

Aboriginal Housing Society of Prince George, would like to express our support for the rezoning at 606 Zelkwas Avenue for the Phoenix Transition Society's Harmony House program. Aboriginal Housing Society of Prince George has an interest in Harmony House since 90% of their clients are Indigenous and the women living at Harmony House come from across the northern region. Harmony House is an invaluable resource for mothers and pregnant women who are struggling with trauma, mental health and addictions. The high percentage of success with the mothers proves Harmony House's 24/7 staffing and programs work. Through hands-on teaching, young mothers can learn invaluable life skills and parenting skills enabling them to keep their children together as a family unit.

We support Harmony House's commitment to construct a building that will blend into the neighbourhood and believe that the neighbourhood's concerns about safety, drug use and increased crime will be a non-issue as the building will be staffed 24/7 and they have a proven track record with their current buildings.

Please accept the rezoning application as the development is in an ideal location, many of the mother's do not own a vehicle and it is important to be able to access schools, parks or services within walking distance.

Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely,

Kim Hamilton Acting Executive Director Aboriginal Housing Society Of Prince George