

Prince George City Council  
Mayor and Councillors

I am writing to express my support for the new Harmony House, a project of Phoenix Transition Society.

The present Harmony House on 11th Ave has provided an invaluable service to our community. So many women, who in the past would have had their baby apprehended by the Ministry of Children and Family, immediately after birth. The program at Harmony House, supports women who are addicted, during their pregnancy. Women are given the opportunity to begin travelling the long road to recovery and the babies are given the chance to be born healthy. This provides an immense opportunity to offer healthy beginnings to children who otherwise would be just one of the statistics of our overburdened childcare system.

I have personally had the opportunity to meet and spend time with some women who have been residents at Harmony House. Most of them have struggled with addiction, abuse and a lifetime of meeting failure in most endeavours. Harmony House staff offer support, learning opportunities, secure and safe housing, respect and hope. Key to any success in the future is hope. Without hope it is impossible to achieve the high level of parenting skills that are presented.

Having Harmony House in a community is an opportunity to support the next generation. It is also an opportunity to watch young mothers who have not been fortunate enough to find success in life, grow and achieve things that many of us take for granted.

Please do not let fear of the unknown deprive this community the means to be home to some most deserving families.

Sincerely,  
Ursula Morris  
Community Member