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Via email: HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

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The Honourable Adrian Dix Minister of Health Room 337, Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Dix,

On behalf of Prince George City Council, I am writing to express our thanks for your Ministry's support of the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program, delivered in Prince George through local partners of the BC Association of Farmers' Markets. We are one of the 75 communities across British Columbia who experienced the great benefit of this program again last year.

In 2020, \$41,571 was spent our in community through the nutrition coupons, an investment which provided many of our lower-income residents with the opportunity to access high-quality, fresh, local foods from our weekly farmer's markets. In the midst of a pandemic it has never been more important for people living on lower incomes or struggling with poverty to have opportunities to access affordable, nutritious food.

Our community and our local farmers feel the impacts from this program in very direct, positive ways. We are sincerely thankful for your continued investment in our Province and in the City of Prince George through programs such as this one.

Sincerely,

Mayor Lyn Hall

cc. Heather O'Hara, Executive Director, BC Association of Farmers' Markets Vickey Brown, President, Board of Directors, BC Association of Farmers' Markets