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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Greg McCune City of Enderby PO Box 400 Enderby, BC V0E 1V0

Dear Mayor McCune:

Re: Letter of Support for the Adoption of a Flexible Ride-Sharing Regulation in the Province of BC

At the Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular meeting of Spallumcheen Council the following resolution of Council was passed:

"...THAT the Township of Spallumcheen Council direct staff to provide a letter of support to the City of Enderby regarding their initiatives introduced at the 2017 UBCM for the province to implement legislation for a regulatory framework that provides flexibility for programs such as ride-sharing programs to support small, rural and remote communities where public transportation is limited."

The Township of Spallumcheen Council agrees there is a need for solving passenger transportation challenges in rural communities where public transit cannot accommodate the needs of residents within our rural communities. There is a great opportunity for increasing jobs related to casual part-time transportation services, like Uber as an example. These types of services allow job expansion for our residents, while supporting transportation for our residents.

As you have noted, ride-sharing programs could enhance our communities so long as there is a provincial regulatory regime that is attainable. Providing regulations and licensing for a safe and reliable service that promotes licensed individuals within the community supporting the community could vastly improve our transportation limitations. Residents could have much needed access for rides to medical and other related appointments as well as reduce impaired driving. This is a great opportunity to also reduce alcohol related impaired driving potential and with the planned legalization of cannibas provides support for better decision making for all British Columbians when operating a motor vehicle.

Thank you for your leadership with regards to bringing this matter forward to the provincial level. Please accept this letter of support for these proactive initiatives that have great potential to improve lives within our area. If you have any questions in this regard please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

Janice Brown

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