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Fraser Valley Regional District
45950 Cheam Ave
Chilliwack, BC V2P 1N6

RE: ICIP - Community, Culture, and Recreation Grant Letter of Support

Dear Chair Lum and Directors ,

The Village of Harrison Hot Springs has an opportunity to create a new public building to serve as a Culture Hub with amenities to support cultural, tourism, visual and live arts, as well a public gathering space. Funds for this project are being sought from the Community, Cultural and Recreation Program of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) as well as other potential funding programs and rebates. The ICIP funding program specifically supports citizens' access to cultural, recreational, and community spaces and we feel that our Cultural Hub project is an ideal fit.

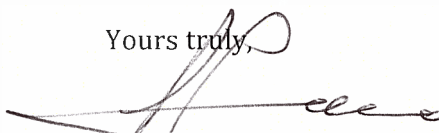
The concept of this multi-purpose public building that will support our community and cultural values will have a centrally dedicated space for indigenous, historical, and arts exhibits, gatherings, and a live performance space that can also be used as a conventional setting for Village Council meetings. To maximize the use of the compact building footprint, a second floor will contain office and meeting space to house administrative staff and provide functional and secure working conditions.

The benefits of this new building will include not only increased access to and quality of cultural and recreational spaces but will bolster civic pride, in turn creating ambassadors for our community who will promote tourism and resident attraction and retention.

While we look forward to presenting the architectural concept for public involvement on the final design of the building, we wish to express that our key priorities in the design will include accessibility, net-zero energy consumption, and public washrooms. By building a net-zero energy consumption building now, we are leading the way in solutions to prevent global climate change and leave as small of a footprint as possible, while supporting the Provincial mandate to reduce energy consumption by 40% before 2030.

The Village is seeking the support of the Fraser Valley Regional District in our grant applications and a letter expressing this no later than January 15th would be appreciated. A sample letter is attached that you may use if you wish.

Yours truly,



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Mayor