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Subject: Fw: Letter of Support Request: Regional Food System Mapping and Literature Review Project

Hi Rachelle,

First, I apologize for the late request for a letter of support for our REDIP Application, as I have to respectfully request receiving support by noon on *Monday, October 30th (though letters received within two weeks after can still be submitted)*. *If this needs to go to a Council meeting, please advise of the date so that I am able to not in our submission when this may be expected.*

I have tried to simplify the process by providing a draft letter of support that you can manipulate however you would like.

It seems like everyone's plate is super full. I hope you are doing well!

Project summary:

CF FFG is finalizing a REDIP application that is focused developing a regional digital food system map, and conduct an extensive review and compilation of existing reports, studies, and documents related to local food security and agriculture potential.

The project's main objectives are to identify priorities and areas of action to foster food and agriculture resilience within the region of Fraser Fort George by:

1. Enhancing Economic Capacity: Creating a comprehensive regional food system map informed by the literature review to empower small-scale farmers, producers, consumers, and investors and boost economic capacity.
2. Strengthening Food Security: Utilizing insights from the literature review to identify key players, gaps and resources in the local food supply chain for reliable food access.
3. Promoting Resilience: Leveraging existing reports and studies to build resilience through partnerships and collaboration.
4. Improving Health and Sustainability: Aligning with global objectives for healthier, sustainable food choices with guidance from existing studies.

We look forward to the positive resources and outcomes this project can bring to the Fraser Fort George rural regions and communities. For more information or inquiries, please contact Shona Thorne, Agriculture Coordinator at shonat@cfdc.bc.ca or 1-250-961-6424

Thank you for considering our request. Your support is highly valued, and we hope to collaborate with your organization on this important initiative. A suggestion of such a letter of support is attached.

Many thanks!

Susan Stearns,
General Manager



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I would like to acknowledge the traditional land stewards and the ancestral territories of the Simpcw First Nation, the L'heidli T'enneh, and the McLeod Lake Indian Band on which I live, work, and play.

Subject: Supporting the Regional Food System Mapping Project

To Whom it May Concern,

On behalf of <organization>, I am pleased to extend our official endorsement and support for the regional food system mapping project. We view this project as a strategic catalyst for positive change within our community and region, and eagerly anticipate its positive outcomes. In today's ever-changing world, harnessing local resources effectively is vital for the prosperity and resilience of our community. The regional food system mapping project, with its dual focus on creating a comprehensive map of our regional food systems and conducting a thorough review of existing literature, is a commendable endeavor that will highlight areas of action and priority and strongly aligns with our values and objectives to:

- Empower Local Stakeholders: The development of a comprehensive regional food system map, informed by insights from existing literature, promises to be an invaluable resource for our local farmers, producers, consumers, residents and investors. This empowerment has the potential to significantly bolster our community's economic capacity.
- Ensuring Food Security: By identifying key players, gaps, and resources in our local food supply chain and leveraging the literature review, we can work towards ensuring consistent access to stable and reliable food sources for our community members.
- Fostering Resilience: In a time characterized by unpredictability, building resilience and promoting collaboration are of paramount importance. This project serves as a pivotal step toward achieving these essential objectives.
- Promoting Health and Sustainability: The project's alignment with global initiatives promoting healthier, more sustainable food choices underscores our shared commitment to the well-being of our community and the environment.

We are pleased to provide this official letter of support for the project, signifying our endorsement of its objectives, recognition of its potential benefits, and our organization's readiness to collaborate and contribute. We emphasize the significance of this endeavor for our community and region.

We appreciate your dedication to this crucial undertaking, and we look forward to working together to ensure its success.

Warm regards,