Omineca Growers Society

PO Box 117, Mackenzie BC, VOJ 2CO email: info@ominecagrowers.ca

November 20, 2023

Mayor and Council District of Mackenzie PO Bag 340 1 Mackenzie Boulevard Mackenzie, BC, VOJ2CO

Re: Support for the Omineca Growers Society Project funding application Northern Health Rural,

Remote and Indigenous Food Action Grant

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Omineca Growers Society is a non-profit group working to establish a self-sustaining greenhouse operation in Mackenzie with the objective of producing fresh vegetables year-round for the Mackenzie and McLeod Lake area. The OGS plans to construct growing facilities in the Mackenzie industrial area.

We believe the *Omineca Growers Society Project* will improve food security for our communities while reducing the carbon footprint of our food supply. We also believe that affordable fresh locally grown produce will result in more healthy food in everyone's diet and improve the health and wellness of our communities. Additionally, the operations will create employment opportunities.

As a non-profit the OGS will direct revenues generated by the operation towards operational expenses. Any revenue beyond these will go towards contingency, expansion and educational projects.

At this time, we are very busy applying for grants and soliciting support from all sectors and the public. To this end we are requesting your support for our application to the <u>Northern Health Rural</u>, <u>Remote and Indigenous Food Action Grant</u>.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above request please contact myself at 250-997-1027 or by email at <u>generalmanager@mlmcf.ca</u> or Kyle Tapper at 250-988-1594 or by email at <u>teachermr.tapper@gmail.com</u>

Sincerely,

Dan Boulianne Vice President, Omineca Growers Society

Letter of Support

DATE:

Re: Omineca Growers Society Project

Proponent: Omineca Growers Society PO Box 117, Mackenzie, B.C., VOJ 2CO Phone: 250-988-1594, teachermr.tapper@gmail.com

<u>(Name or Organization)</u>, would like to extend our/my support for the Omineca Growers Society Project being undertaken by the Omineca Growers society, a non-profit local organization. We/I believe this is a worthwhile project because it will provide:

- Fresh, locally grown vegetables year around at an affordable price.
- Employment opportunities for the residents of Mackenzie and McLeod Lake.
- Educational opportunities in the field of sustainable agriculture and hydroponics practices.
- Benefits to health and wellness through nutrition.

We/I feel this is a valuable project that addresses the food security issue in our communities, and believe that this project will have an extremely positive impact on the residents of Mackenzie and McLeod Lake.

Sincerely,

Name:

Position: _

Signature: _