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ATTENTION: District of Mackenzie Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Request for Letters of Support for upcoming MCAC Grant Applications

Mackenzie Community Arts Council is truly grateful for your continued support. We have successfully completed the first phase of our recent relocation. We received grant funds from SPMTrust, BC Arts Council, The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, Small Business BC Accessibility and the District of Mackenzie. Urgent repairs to our roof structure were necessary, as well as important improvements such as installing accessible doors in our entrance, building a space for the Potter's Guild and adding a gas furnace to the ground level. There is much more that needs to be done!

We are currently preparing multiple grant proposals for various projects, including the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program – Forest Impact Transition (REDIP-FIT), Building Communities through Arts and Heritage (BCAH) and BC Arts Council (BCAC): Arts Infrastructure.

We will be applying to REDIP-FIT for funds to renovate our new facility at 9 Laurier Dr, and to hire a Project Manager to oversee this next phase.

We will be applying to BCAH for funds to deliver next year's iteration of Rockin' the Ridgeline, in partnership with Recreation Services and MORATA.

BC Arts Council offers the Arts Infrastructure, which prioritizes accessibility upgrades and so we will be applying for funds to install a chairlift at our new facility.

MCAC's mandate is to build the community through the arts; bringing people together to share experiences that inspire the creative exchange of ideas; and to improve the quality of life, while developing, nurturing, and celebrating the arts. Our Mission is to

increase and broaden arts and cultural opportunities for all community members. We support, encourage, and promote arts and culture in Mackenzie and surrounding areas, through education, coordination of programs and raising public awareness. MCAC seeks to connect Artists with emerging opportunities, to enhance arts and culture for the community and drive tourism.

A thriving arts community helps to develop a healthier, happier community. By improving the quality and enjoyment of life for residents, and enhancing opportunities to connect and share experiences, we can increase the retention of volunteers and staff in our community and promote the diversification of our economy. The more Mackenzie has to offer, the more we will attract and retain newcomers, their families, entrepreneurs, and tourists, alike.

MCAC would like to request:

THAT, the District of Mackenzie supports the above-mentioned applications from the Mackenzie Community Arts Council.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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