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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 Phase 1 of Project Caribou, with grants from SPMTrust, BC Arts Council, The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George and the District of Mackenzie.

We are currently preparing to enter Phase 2, with multiple grant proposals currently submitted and pending from various granting parties, including the Enabling Accessibility Fund, the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program – Forest Impact Transition (REDIP-FIT) and the BC Arts Council (BCAC): Arts Infrastructure Grant.

To complete this phase of Project Caribou, we will be submitting proposals to **NDIT: Cultural Infrastructure, McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest and CO-OP Community Spaces**. We are applying for “last shovel” funds to make improvements and upgrades that will make the entire building and grounds accessible, functional and inviting.

MCAC will also be applying for grants to enhance upcoming community events. In April we will be hosting our third annual Erath Day Extravaganza. We intend to apply for funds from the **Pacific Institute of Climate Solutions: Community Climate Action Events Program**. MCAC also intends to apply for **BC Arts Council’s Community Arts Festivals Program** to capture funds to produce MCAC’s popup art gallery, that takes place during the Rockin the Ridgeline Festival.

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 five (5) above-mentioned applications from the Mackenzie Community Arts Council.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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