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Subject: letter of support request (addition of fund information)

Hi Diane,

As we embark on some larger funding applications the Omineca Growers Society requests a resolution and/or letter of support for the project from the District of Mackenzie to accompany our submissions. This document is of course a formality as the District has been a steadfast and positive supporter of the OGS project from the beginning and we thank you for all the support received.

The Omineca Growers Society is a non-profit organization working on establishing a self-sustaining growing facility in Mackenzie with the objective of growing fresh, nutritious produce hydroponically, year-round for sale and distribution in the Mackenzie and McLeod Lake area.

The project goals for the communities and surrounding area are to:

- increase food security;
- reduce the carbon footprint and environmental impact of our food supply;
- improve access to and affordability of produce along with the overall health and wellness of the communities;
- create some economic diversification and stability;
- create local employment; and
- increase food supply awareness and promote local food production on all scales.

The OGS recognizes that this project aligns with the District of Mackenzie Official Community Plan (Bylaw No. 1304), the Mackenzie 2.0 – Community Economic Development Strategy as well as the 2021-2025 Council Priorities.

The OGS requests a letter and/or resolution of general endorsement from the District of Mackenzie for the Mackenzie Greenhouse Project. We are looking to apply to the South Peace Mackenzie Trust for the maximum allowable (\$250,000) with hopes that they will consider a larger grant amount for the project.

Thank you again for your wonderful support for this exciting community venture!

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