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Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: Help Mackenzie Counselling Bring Foundry to Mackenzie.

Mackenzie Counselling wants to bring Foundry to Mackenzie. Foundry is a BC wide mental health resource for youth, they provide a whole host of resources, such as counselling, info-sessions, substance use education, sexual health education..etc. Here is their website for you to explore [Foundry - Where Wellness Takes Shape - \(foundrybc.ca\)](http://foundrybc.ca).

This will be a major benefit for Mackenzie. First, this will plug Mackenzie into a provincial wide network of youth mental health professionals, giving our community the most up to date practices, trends and resources. Second, Foundry is a brand that youth know, especially youth moving to Mackenzie from larger urban settings. Having the Foundry branding associated with Mackenzie Counselling will make our services more friendly to youth. Third, although some of the services Foundry offers Mackenzie Counselling does already, there are others it does not, so this partnership will bring new support services to Mackenzie that are needed to support Mackenzie and McLeod Lake Youth.

Mackenzie Counselling is requesting the District of Mackenzie's help. Right now, there is no funding for Foundry to expand to new locations. But, their website encourages communities interested to 'advocate with provincial and regional decision makers' to get more funding. Our office has already contacted MLA Mike Morris, and he is writing a letter supporting this endeavor, sending it to the Minister of Health, Mental Health and Addictions and Minister of Finance. Our office has reached out to the McLeod Lake Indian Band to also support bringing Foundry to Mackenzie. Our ask, is would the District of Mackenzie write a letter to the Minister(s) of Mental Health and Addiction, Health and Finance, advocating to bring Foundry services to Mackenzie. We believe this service will help the community of Mackenzie support its youth population, which will help build a long lasting and sustainable community for years to come.

Our office is willing to help in this process the whole way, so please do not hesitate to reach out. We would be very appreciative of any help the District can provide.

Sincerely,



Lyse Tremblay
Executive Director