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<u>Letter of Support – Proposed Residential Development located at 43837 Lougheed Hwy.,</u> Lake Errock, BC

Dear David Bennett,

This letter confirms the support of Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce for the proposed residential development at 43837 Lougheed Hwy., Lake Errock presented to the Fraser Valley Regional District. The project provides positive benefits for the community with new housing stock, more housing options, infrastructure improvements, and improved reconciliation efforts.

I would like to convey to the Fraser Valley Regional District the importance of housing in our communities. We recognize that housing is a regional need for the whole Fraser Valley. The housing availability in Fraser Valley Regional District Electoral Area C will help benefit surrounding communities by both providing new options for current residents and promoting growth and alleviating pressure in other nearby communities such as Mission, Kent, and Harrison Hot Springs.

The project also supports natural growth in the community benefiting local businesses. The increased number of people in the area would also incentivize all governments for improving and increasing services to all residents and not just the new families that also call the area home.

We are confident in the owner to carry out the project in a proper manner and have a qualified team of professionals to lead the project. Aplin and Martin Consultants are expected to provide

a first-class project that will contribute to the growth in the area as well as provide opportunities for local economic involvement.

We know that the proposed project is done in conjunction with and support of local first nations with an MOU signed with Sq'ewlets First Nation. Now more than ever, we recognize the importance of reconciliation efforts and projects that take into account and benefit first nations.

Additionally, an approved project will also see the closure of an unpopular gravel pit in the region. The currently bare land of the pit will be reclaimed for the residential development. Having housing growth can occur on land where minimal vegetation and trees are removed presents a significant benefit.

We are confident this project will benefit the community, and the surrounding communities, provide economic benefits as well as promote reconciliation.

Best regards,

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