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RE: Delegation Request: Student Residence Salmon Arm – Letter of Support

Dear Chair,

I am requesting a delegation to discuss with the Board, Okanagan College's submission of a business case for a student residence at the Salmon Arm campus and to request a letter of support from the Board for this initiative.

As mentioned in the meeting with Columbia Shuswap Regional District in July 2017, one of two main the priorities for growth identified by the campus was the need for student housing. Since that time the College has been working on feasibility, growth projections, potential costing models, etc. and has recently been asked by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training to submit a business case for student residence. The business case, which is due the beginning of September, is being built on the premise of building a 60 unit residence in Salmon Arm, which will include single and multi-pod units. These units will be furnished and include a kitchen area.

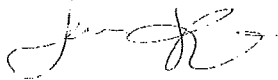
In addition to the obvious increasing access to post secondary education for more rural students, there are also several other benefits to this project which may assist with other issues facing the Regional District, including:

- Residences will provides housing for students who are currently living in suites in the community/region. Moving students from the community to the College would "free up" units for other community members and thus add supply to the housing market. Housing challenges for employees have been identified by the business community so any additional supply will assist with labour relocation and existing labour housing challenges.
- The availability of residences will attract students from outside the region to come to the Salmon Arm campus for their studies, particularly in specialty areas such as nursing, trades, business. This recruitment strategy aligns with the region's desire to attract more young people to the Region.
- Building on the above concept, the more rural and Indigenous communities have indicated that many students are challenged with travel and experience challenges finding housing. Residences would provide options not currently available thereby increasing educational opportunities for the region.
- The availability of residences will attract International students to the Salmon Arm Campus. International students have identified that a lack of housing is a major reason for not coming to Salmon Arm. Recruiting international students and introducing them to the Shuswap fits the attraction mandate expressed by the region. International students who complete a diploma or degree can attain work permits to study in Canada for 2-3 years after graduation. They can also work in the community during their studies thereby assisting with the labour demands seen in the region.

- During summer months (May.- August) residences will be available to the business community. This use of the residences would contribute to business development and again potentially help with existing labour challenges.
- The residences will be built next to existing City recreation facilities and the uptown hub of services (including banking, grocery and food outlets) thereby adding to the economic vibrancy of the region.

I look forward to talking with you about this initiative and hearing your insights and ideas for such a project.

Kind regards,



Joan Ragsdale
Regional Dean, Shuswap Revelstoke
Okanagan College

Delegation Request Form



Appearing Before the Board as a Delegation

Instructions and Information

Board meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of each month. Please refer to the calendar on the [CSRD's website](#) for the actual dates, or contact the CSRD offices at 250-832-8194 for the upcoming Board Meeting dates.

Delegations are limited to three (3) per meeting; slots often book up quickly.

Delegations are permitted up to fifteen (15) minutes for their presentation. Board members may ask questions after the presentation for clarification.

In order to schedule a date to appear before the Board, delegations must provide the information on the attached form. This information will be included in the agenda. By providing this detail it clarifies the purpose of the delegation for the Board and allows Board members and staff to become familiar with your topic and to obtain any necessary background information.

Your contact information will be included with your delegation information and circulated to the Board. If you do not wish your address to be included in the public agenda, please advise Corporate Administration Services at the time your Delegation request is submitted.

Contact Information

Name of Person or Organization *

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If your application is approved, it will be included on the Board meeting agenda. Do you consent to your personal information being included on the Board Agenda? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Presentation Information

Topic of discussion *

Salmon Arm Student Residence - Request for Letter of Support

Purpose of Presentation *

Note: A letter outlining the Request or the Information must accompany the Delegation Request form.

- ☐ Information Only
☒ Requesting Support
☐ Requesting Funding
☐ Other

Meeting Date Requested* (?)

16-Aug-18

Alternate Date Requested (?)

Comments

This request for a letter of support is somewhat time sensitive - which is why the August date is requested. The Business Case for a Student Residence is due at the Ministry at the beginning of September.

Presentation Materials- Delegation Request forms and Supporting documentation are due to Corporate Administration Services for the agenda package by **9am on the Tuesday one full week before the meeting**. If you wish to include a PowerPoint presentation within the Board Agenda package, in order to provide an opportunity for the Board members to review the information prior to the Board meeting date, please submit it by 9am Tuesday, prior to the meeting. Alternately, a PowerPoint presentation may be made at the Board meeting, provided you have supplied it to the CSRD offices at least three days prior to the actual meeting (the Monday prior to the meeting).

To provide your presentation, please send it to:

Columbia Shuswap Regional District
Attention: Deputy Manager of Corporate Administration
via email: inquiries@csrd.bc.ca
or to: PO Box 978, Salmon Arm BC V1E 4P1
or via Fax: 250-832-3375

If you already have your presentation or supporting materials ready, please upload them here. (?)

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Approval

☐ Approved ☐ Declined ☐ Other

Appearance Date

Applicant informed of appearance date on

By

Date