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Columbia Shuswap Regional District
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Re: Canada-British Columbia - Rural & Northern Communities Program

Dear Rhona,

On behalf of the District of Sicamous, please accept this letter as an official request for the CSRD Board to provide a letter of support regarding the above-mentioned grant program. The deadline to submit applications is **Wednesday January 23, 2019.**

As part of our 2019 strategic priority, the District of Sicamous intends to build a Community Wellness Centre as well as a regional healing centre for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. The District was recently awarded a Community Wellness Grant (BC Healthy Communities) to implement a comprehensive Community Wellness Strategy. This plan is expected to be completed in July 2019 with specific recommendations on delivering community wellness strategies in relation to environmental, social, economic development, asset management, and health care services.

The proposed 20,300 sq. ft regional facility would house traditional health care professionals with an emphasis on mental health and healing/wellness care. This facility would be built in Sicamous (Main Street) serving as a regional hub for both physical and mental health support. The District of Sicamous purchased the existing medical clinic back in December 2017. It is our intent to transfer all the current leasees (1 optometrist, 3 dentists, 2 physicians, 1 physical therapist) to the new Community Wellness Centre within 24-36 months.

The District of Sicamous is currently negotiating on purchasing two acres of prime downtown space to site this facility. The estimated cost to build this facility is just shy of \$5,200,000. The said grant provides 100% grant funding to rural communities less than 25,000 people (see project estimates).

The District of Sicamous is proud to be partnering with Splat-sin on this project as well as the Shuswap Local & Secwepemc Governments identified in the Communications Agreement signed in December 2018.

Thank you so much for your support as we embark on a true collaborative initiative serving the Columbia Shuswap region for years to come.

Regards,

DISTRICT OF SICAMOUS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Rysz", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mayor Terry Rysz

c.c. MLA Greg Kylo
Chief Wayne Christian – Splat-sin
District Council