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June 11th, 2021

Connie Surerus North Peace Cultural Society, Chair 10015 100<sup>th</sup> Ave Fort St. John, BC V1J 1Y7

Dear: Connie,

**RE: NPCC Management Services Agreement** 

As you are aware, the NPCC Management Services Agreement has expired on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. With this letter we confirm that it is not our intention to renew this agreement. The decision to adopt a different direction was made by Fort St. John City Council at a closed meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Many factors entered into the decision I am communicating through this letter.

With recent staffing increases to support new facilities such as the Festival Plaza our organization now has the capacity to manage the Cultural Center. Further to this, Festival Plaza, our new amphitheatre and other facilities create an opportunity to consider the delivery of cultural content across the community in various venues. This isn't contemplated in our existing agreement. In our many recent discussions it has become apparent that we view the responsibilities and opportunities within this function very differently and that will make renewal of the agreement difficult.

With this letter we are providing 90 days notice that the City will resume management of the Cultural Center facility effective September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We have set in place preliminary measures to assume this responsibility. While we proceed through this 90-day transitional period we should have some discussions and conversations about your plans relating to the subsidiary functions you operate within the cultural center such as the after-school care program and the Gallery. Further during this period, we will continue to honor the terms of the agreement. We are receptive to having conversations about lease arrangements if there is a desire to move forward in that direction.

Fort St. John City Council would like to extend to the board of the NPCS its sincere thanks for your many years of commitment to enriching the cultural fabric of our community.

Sincerely yours,

Milo Macdonald

Chief Administrative Officer cc City of Fort St. John Council