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Dear Chair and Directors,

The Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation (TRMF) is applying to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) through the Economic Diversification Development Grant Stream. If successful, this grant will support the Museum in the creation of an Infrastructure Development Plan for 255 Murray Drive in Tumbler Ridge, the building that we call home. We are requesting a letter of support from the Peace River Regional District for this initiative.

The Tumbler Ridge Museum is incredibly grateful to the PRRD for supporting many projects and core operations for several years. We have reached a significant milestone in our growth as an institution where we now have the capacity to look forward and address the needs of the region long-term. This includes upgrading not only our operations, on which we have been working diligently over the last five years, but now also our infrastructure to meet Canadian museum standards and the requirements set out by the Province of British Columbia's Fossil Management Office, Heritage Branch, Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, to become an official fossil repository.

The Dinosaur Discovery Gallery especially, attracts visitors from around the globe. The Museum is a keystone tourist attraction and as such contributes to the circular economies of Tumbler Ridge and the region. Infrastructure improvements will ensure our growing collection has a home here. It will attract new visitors, employees, researchers, students, and assist in staff retention through the development of functional and healthy workspaces.

The anticipated outcomes of this development phase are a completed needs assessment, a facility assessment, a feasibility report, and a phased plan for improvements with associated costs. Anticipating that we will progress into an implementation phase, it will bring in millions of dollars of outside investment into the region, create new employment opportunities, and support the long-term viability of maintaining a rapidly growing and

scientifically important fossil collection in the South Peace. We are committed to only working with consultants who have demonstrated experience in working on this type of museum infrastructure project.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. With the REDIP application closing date looming, we request your letter of support by October 25th, 2024.

Sincerely,



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