

**Tse'k'wa Heritage Society**  
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Board of Directors  
Peace River Regional District  
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Dear Chairperson Sperling and Directors of the Board,

I am writing today to request a resolution of support for our application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust Cultural Infrastructure Program for our Tse'k'wa Cultural Centre Project. We are requesting a grant of \$300,000 towards our total project budget of \$1,178,000.

The Tse'k'wa Heritage Society was established in 2013, a joint effort of Doig River First Nations, Prophet River First Nation and West Moberly First Nations, to care for and develop the Tse'k'wa site and to share the Dane zaa culture. Also known as Charlie Lake Cave, Tse'k'wa was designated by Parks Canada as a National Historic Site in 2015. The vision for Tse'k'wa is to become a place where cultural understanding and relationships can be built between Treaty 8 First Nations, their neighbouring communities and visitors from around the world.

To achieve this vision, Tse'k'wa Heritage Society has developed an infrastructure project to develop the current site into a cultural centre with interpretive trails and programming which is open to the public. While the long term goal is for a purpose built facility, the current project utilizes existing infrastructure on site and with the first phases operational for the summer of 2021.

We are certain that our project aligns with many of the region's 10 Year Destination Development Plan, and will grow to become an anchor destination for the City of Fort St. John and visitors travelling along the Alaska Highway.

Other grants applied for to achieve our fundraising goals include the BC CERIP Destination Development Fund and the First People's Cultural Council Cultural Infrastructure Fund.

Should you have further questions about the project or our society, I encourage you to reach out and contact me at [gokker@doigriverfn.com](mailto:gokker@doigriverfn.com). We have also requested a delegation to the PRRD Board for early 2021.

Regards.

Garry Oker, Director  
Tse'k'wa Heritage Society