



DOWNTOWN QUESNEL

Mayor and Council
City of Quesnel
410 Kinchant Street
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May 15, 2023

Re: Clean Team

Dear Mayor and Council,

As you are fully aware, the City of Quesnel has not been immune to the issues caused by the mental health, drug and homeless epidemic in the last number of years. Much like other downtowns, our beautiful city has been plagued with criminal activity, vandalism, violence, theft, litter and drug paraphernalia, all of which pose a real threat to public safety and the viability of commerce in our downtown core.

Though not the solution to all the challenges facing the downtown, the Peer Clean Team program has been an effective tool in improving the safety and cleanliness of our streets. Over the past two years, the Clean Team has not only been effective to remove dangerous drug paraphernalia and litter from the street, it has also been instrumental in transitioning the peers back into society on their journey through recovery. Furthermore, the program also has formed a better understanding between business and the peers, which enables cooperation for a better common future.

We urge mayor and council to aggressively pursue sources of funding to continue the program as we continue to work together to improve our City.

Sincerely

Gilbert Schotel
President
Quesnel Downtown Association

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