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Dear Mayor and Council,

The Quesnel Downtown Association is applying for a grant made available through the Community Foundations of Canada, called the Healthy Communities Initiative. This grant is designed to help organizations improve, create or adapt public spaces and is intended for small-scale infrastructure projects to make these spaces safer, more vibrant and inclusive.

In pursuing this opportunity, the QDA intends to improve the lighting in several key areas of the downtown core. With short days in the winter, areas of downtown become dark, long before most businesses close. In the summer months, enhanced lighting can brighten dark spaces during a time of year when public use at night is at its highest. It is felt that better lighting will improve safety while enhancing beautification.

We have identified 3 target areas to add lighting (see attached map). In these areas power can be added without major infrastructural changes. In most cases sidewalk brick work can be temporarily removed then reinstalled to allow the installation of power conduit. In a few cases, sidewalk may need to be cut and reinstalled. James & Sons, having vast experience with prior projects in the downtown core, has been approached to provide an estimate for providing power to 14 trees within the target areas. Once powered, each tree will be lit by lighting products provided by DekraLite (the same manufacturer who manufactured our Christmas lights).

The QDA is seeking a letter of support from the City of Quesnel to accompany our application. We think this project will be a positive enhancement to the downtown core which will benefit the entire community.

Respectfully,

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