

May 4, 2021

Barclay Pitkethly  
District of Mission  
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Dear Mr. Pitkethly:

**Re: Local Government Development Approvals Program Grant Application**

Please accept this letter of support for the District of Mission's application to UBCM's Local Government Development Approvals Program. The Mission Regional Chamber of Commerce recognizes there are tremendous opportunities, through technology, to improve the development approvals process and supports the District in this initiative.

A development application software package can automate difficult tasks and streamline licensing and permitting processes. An integrated system can assist a local government in efficiently managing important revenue generating operations while, at the same time, improving service levels to both the public and the business community. We believe the Enterprise Application Systems project will improve the development process within the District of Mission by:

- Streamline application processes with improved procedures and guidelines;
- Increase efficiency, clarity, and accountability within the District of Mission; and
- Improve the visibility and communications of applications to the development community throughout the process.

We strongly support the addition of new software to assist the District in upholding these guidelines and processes. Additionally, this software will help provide accurate and timely information on the application process. We anticipate these efforts will reduce the length of time to approve all development applications (building permits, rezoning applications, development permits, variance permits, etc.).

Finally, we support the District in providing developer workshops to support the new processes. These workshops will provide applicants with training on application requirements as well as the guidelines to help improve the processing time and success rate.

Sincerely,



Stephen Evans  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Cc. Executive Director MRCC