



July 17, 2025

BC Housing
Community Housing Fund Program
1701 – 4555 Kingsway
Burnaby, BC V5H 4V8

Re: Letter of Support for Tsuma-as Housing Society – Community Housing Fund Application

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Pacific Rim School District, I am writing to express our strong support for the funding application submitted by **Tsuma-as Housing Society** to the BC Housing Community Housing Fund for their proposed project located at the former APD mill site on 3rd Ave. in Port Alberni.

We recognize the urgent need for safe, affordable, and culturally appropriate housing in our community, and we believe this project aligns closely with the goals of the Community Housing Fund by providing Indigenous families, Elders, and individuals with low income with secure and affordable housing options.

Tsuma-as Housing Society is an Indigenous-led, non-profit housing provider created by Tseshah First Nation and has demonstrated a deep commitment to addressing the housing needs of the community in a respectful, inclusive, and culturally grounded manner. We have confidence in their capacity to successfully develop and operate this project while supporting tenants' long-term stability and well-being.

Our organization looks forward to collaborating with Tsuma-as Housing Society and supporting this initiative as the project moves forward.

We strongly encourage BC Housing to support this funding application, which will have a lasting, positive impact in addressing the housing crisis in our region and advancing community wellness.

Thank you for considering this important project.

Sincerely,

Pam Craig, Board Chair
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