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**Letter of Support for the Bridge Youth and Family Services
Okanagan Youth Recovery House**

As firefighters, we respond to overdose emergencies every day and all too often see the harmful and devastating effects of substance abuse. It is even more heartbreaking to learn that if a person under the age of 17 has the courage to reach out and ask for help, they need to go to another part of the province to receive that help.

As firefighters, we also know the importance of teamwork and the support of family. We are fortunate to have our family at home and our second family at work; those family dynamics support us through the tough times. It is so important to have the support close to home. That is why we support the Bridge's initiative to build and operate a Youth Recovery House in the Okanagan Valley.

Please join the Kelowna Professional Firefighters along with the many other local organizations and Okanagan communities in supporting this initiative.

Sincerely,
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VP of Local 953, Kelowna Professional Firefighters