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The Bridge Youth & Family Services
#8 2604 Enterprise Way
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Attention: Celine Thompson and John Yarschenko

Dear Celine and John,

RE: Youth Recovery House in the Okanagan

Thank you for your presentation at the August 13th Committee of the Whole meeting. We appreciate and support your commitment to rallying communities in the Okanagan to build and provide long term rehabilitative housing and care for youth addicted to substances.

It's a real concern that there is less than 50 publicly funded beds available in the province for young people struggling with alcohol and substance use disorder. It's alarming there are no publicly funded beds for youth in the Okanagan, considering the rate of young people in our area dying from overdose is consistently rising.

A 16 bed Youth Recovery House in the Okanagan is imperative to improving the health and wellness of our youth so they can reach their full potential.

Peachland values the work that the Bridge Youth & Family Services does and supports their goal of building a Youth Recovery House in the Okanagan.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cindy Fortin'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Cindy Fortin

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CAO, Elsie Lemke