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Mayor and Council 5322 Buena Vista Ave, White Rock, BC V4B 4A9

RE: Letter of Support for the Community Hub Project

Dear Mayor and Council:

On behalf of the South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce (SSWR) and the Surrey Board of Trade (SBOT), I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed Community Hub project. This initiative, which includes a new City Hall, library, daycare, theatre/council chamber, retail space, and potential affordable housing, represents a significant step forward in ensuring accessible, centralized services for White Rock residents and businesses.

As one of Canada's largest and most influential business organizations, SSWRC and the SBOT recognizes the critical role that well-planned infrastructure plays in fostering economic development and enhancing livability. The Community Hub will create a dynamic center that integrates civic, cultural, and commercial spaces, strengthening White Rock's position as a thriving metropolitan hub.

This project will bring immense benefits to White Rock:

- Economic Growth: The inclusion of retail space will drive local business activity, supporting entrepreneurship and job creation.
- Workforce Support: The daycare facility will provide essential childcare services, helping working parents participate fully in the labor force.
- Arts and Culture: A modern theatre and multipurpose chamber will enrich White Rock's cultural landscape, attracting visitors and investment.
- Accessibility and Centralization: By consolidating key public services, the hub will improve efficiency and accessibility for businesses and residents alike.
- Potential Affordable Housing: Addressing housing needs is critical to maintaining a sustainable and diverse workforce.

We commend the City of White Rock for its vision in developing this transformative project. As an organization committed to economic and community development, SSWRC and the SBOT urges Council to prioritize and expedite the Community Hub's implementation. We look forward to working collaboratively to ensure its success.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 604.634.0343 or at email: Indra@businessinsurrey.com

Sincerely,

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Acting ED, South Surrey & White Rock Chamber of Commerce