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Craig Guidinger,

I am writing this letter to update you on 717A MacArthur Drive.

Our priority currently is to make the property secure. We are getting a fence put up and securing the windows. We are having some of the asbestos removed. We continue cleaning out the building.

We are working towards having the main floor and the basement ready for programming as soon as possible.

We are applying for funding through the Green & Inclusive Community Building Program under the retrofit stream. If we are successful in our application, we will immediately start renovating the entire building. If we are not successful, we will continue applying for funding.

Our plans include eventually having beds, semi-independent and then independent living quarters for youth and young families. Our future vision also includes a daycare, as well as physical and mental healthcare, justice advocacy, sports and recreation. Everything we do will have a cultural component to it.

We have interest from other service providers to have space in our building.

The goal is to Retrofit our existing building to provide spaces for programming and services and to develop an **"Innovated Cultural Youth Outreach Services"** within Prince Albert that is available to youth 24/7.

As we move forward with Reconciliation within the city of Prince Albert, on Culturally Relevant Programming, we would provide new programming and services to Indigenous Youth. The **"Indigenous Youth Cultural Service Hub"** will help meet the needs of youth as follows:

- Create continuity, opportunity, and relationships with youth in an Urban Community Setting.
- Helping of Breaking the cycle of intergenerational trauma.
- More Supports to help address factors that arise within youth.
- Developing non-discriminatory Services.
- Cultural relevant programming developed to help needs of youth.
- Addressing barriers or gaps on increasing drop out rates, low graduation rates, credit attainment, and attendance.
- Develop Language, traditional, and cultural curriculum for staff and youth.
- Advocation for youth within systems that need help.
- Education to non-indigenous staff within different organizations.

We are hoping that our community will see a drop in crime rates as well as homelessness among youth and young families.

In the Spirit of Friendship & Reconciliation,

Janet Carriere

Executive Director

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