



Canadian Mental
Health Association
Shuswap-Revelstoke
Mental health for all

October 5, 2023

City of Salmon Arm
500 2 Ave NE
Salmon Arm, BC
V1E 4H2

Attention: Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor and Council

Re: Letter of Support for Rental Housing Development under CHF Program
Consideration of fees and financial Support
Property Address: 1141 18th St NE, Salmon Arm, BC

I hope this letter finds you well; I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Mental Health Association-Shuswap/Revelstoke (CMHA) in seeking a letter of support for a proposed affordable rental housing project located at 1141 18th St NE, Salmon Arm. The letter will strengthen our proposal to obtain Community Housing Funds (CHF) from BC Housing.

The need for affordable housing for families and single persons in our area is undeniable and has been extensively documented. CMHA has previously worked in partnership with the City of Salmon Arm to successfully add affordable units to our community under the Community Housing Fund (CHF) program with BC Housing. Our past efforts have made a tangible difference in the lives of our residents, and now CMHA seeks to expand on this success by constructing approximately 40 additional units of affordable rental housing.

CMHA is seeking municipal support to enhance the financial viability of this project. Measures such as reducing Development Cost Charges (DCCs) and waiving the costs for building and development permits would go a long way in making this project economically sustainable. These incentives would enable CMHA to offer these units to families and individuals at affordable rents, ultimately benefiting our community as a whole.

I kindly ask for your endorsement and support for CMHA's efforts to secure these essential resources for our community. Your support will play a pivotal role in strengthening CMHA's proposal to obtain the Community Housing Fund (CHF) from BC Housing, ensuring that we can continue to address the critical issue of affordable housing in Salmon Arm.

I am confident that your support for this project will have a significant and positive impact on our residents' lives, contributing to our city's overall well-being and prosperity. We know working in partnership and collaboration is key for us to collectively address housing. We hope you will consider this request and provide your valuable endorsement for CMHA's endeavour.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued dedication to the betterment of Salmon Arm.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn Dunlop".

Dawn Dunlop
Executive Director

