November 10th, 2021

Re: Finding a Way Forward – A City in Crisis

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the ASK Wellness Society, it is our pleasure to provide this letter of support for the Finding a Way Forward – A City in Crisis Project, in order to strengthen their request for funding. ASK Wellness Society is very much in support of the Finding a Way Forward – A City in Crisis Project, as we recognize the importance of sharing the impacts of the opioid crisis, the effects on our city, and the division within the greater community.

The Finding a Way Forward Project will work to ensure that the isolation, polarization, and broadening division between the residents of Kamloops is explored. This will be achieved through providing an unbiased and comprehensive voice to all individuals in the community who have been impacted. As an unaffiliated business exploring and delivering this project, the ability to present a depth and breadth of information in a comprehensive way, coupled with stories surrounding lived experience and the human element, this project will provide a unique and much needed view into the ongoing crisis in our community.

There are many reasons why the Finding a Way Forward Project has the support of the ASK Wellness Society. We believe that a community working together to solve issues builds stronger services and connections. In order to provide the best services to individuals navigating their recovery journey, it is critical that information be readily available and easy to access for all members of the community and to help dispel any rumours or false information that may hinder this process. Additionally, the participation and experiences of such a wide range of individuals and organizations would allow for a greater audience and information that may be more openly received by all members of our community.

Should this Project be successful in securing funding for Finding a Way Forward – A City in Crisis, ASK Wellness Society will be thrilled to continue to support their efforts in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Bob Hughes

ASK Wellness Society CEO