

April 24, 2024

To whom it may concern,

Re: Letter of Support for the Maskwa Medical Center

The County of Grande Prairie supports the Alternative Relationship Plan application made by Maskwa Medical Centre Clinic in early January 2023 to promote better access to specialists in Northern Alberta.

The Maskwa Medical Center's board has worked hard over the past several years in pursuit of better access to healthcare in our region and continues to make solid, consistent progress, establishing essential partnerships and getting the infrastructure in place for the clinic. Recent partnership opportunities presented to the Maskwa board by the University of Alberta Faculty of Family Medicine along with the Government of Alberta announcements for the support of our Post-Secondary Institution, Northwestern Polytechnic, we see Maskwa being instrumental in not only access but also helping to solve the shortage of family doctors in our northern communities.

As recently as February 2024, the Maskwa board held a community leadership information update that clearly represented what was needed for improved healthcare access and outcomes in our region. Maskwa Medical Center is a grassroots not-for-profit community initiative that has growing support across the Peace Region with its potential to create efficient and lower healthcare costs for the province in the long run. The County thanks you for your consideration of this important application and looks forward to the approval of this asset for our communities in Northern Alberta

Sincerely,



Bob Marshall,
Reeve, County of Grande Prairie