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RE: Canada Summer Jobs Application – Letter of Support for the Golden Museum and Archives' Funding Request

Dear Mr. Morrison, MP:

I am sending this letter in support of the funding application that the Golden Museum and Archives has submitted to the Canada Summer Jobs program. The summer staff this program funds is integral to the Takin' it Back to the Future Summer Camp program that the Golden Museum offers. This program provides essential summer activities to the children of Golden, BC. Childcare in our small community is woefully slim during the summer months, and this program offers engaging summer activities for children between the ages of 6 and 12.

In the summer of 2024, 68 individual children joined the Golden Museum for a week throughout the summer, connecting with our community through different activities. They learned about different cultures in Golden through visits to the Metis Nation Columbia River Society and the Sikh Temple. The children also took a field trip the Rocky Mountain Buffalo Ranch and the Northern Lights Wolf Center to learn about nature and some of the local animals.

Overall, the program is an incredible asset to our community. In 2024, after the second year of receiving no funding from Canada Summer Jobs, the Museum announced that they could not run the program. The community was devastated, and after many words of support on social media, the Golden and District Community Foundation provided one-time emergency funding to support the program. In 2025, the community of Golden is relying on the Federal Government, and you, our Local Member of Parliament, to support this important community program.

Sincerely,