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**RE: YMCA Application for Youth Mental Health Fund**

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support as the Mayor of the Region of Queens Municipality for the Youth Hub project proposal being submitted by the YMCA of Southwest Nova Scotia to Health Canada's Youth Mental Health Fund.

The Region of Queens Municipality is in the southwestern region of Nova Scotia, home to a growing population of approximately 10,500 residents. Our municipality covers a large geographic area, and includes the town of Liverpool, as well as several distinct communities clustered throughout the county, located in both coastal and inland forested areas. Our unique social, cultural, and economic context reveals a historically underserved demographic for mental health supports and services. We recognize that positive mental health is an important resource for the everyday life of our residents.

As the Mayor of the Region of Queens, I fully support the YMCA's efforts to pursue funding intended to improve the mental health outcomes for youth in our county. As a key component of this project, we see the importance of strengthening our local partnerships to build a vision and roadmap for how we can collectively improve youth mental health, which includes addressing the needs of equity deserving and underserved youth populations in our region. I understand that financial support from this proposal will enable further research, consultation, partnership development, and collective action on improving youth mental health. This project can provide key insights for how we can work across sectors to improve the immediate and longer-term health outcomes for our residents, and over time contribute to enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Sincerely,



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