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To Whom it May Concern:

RE: Sundog Veggies

On behalf of Kwanlin Dün First Nation (KDFN), it is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the "Sundog Veggies Project". At a time when food sustainability, in the north, is such a critical issue, I welcome any opportunity that encourages our people to engage with the land and improve their quality of life. This initiative not only teaches our people how to grow food, it also ensures northern communities' benefit.

In 2020, our Elders and citizens were fortunate to receive fresh vegetables, from the Sundog Veggies' pilot project. Our citizens were very appreciative of the project's kind donation and we welcome the continued relationship with Sundog Veggies, in 2021. I also look forward to hearing more about the employment opportunities for our citizens and exploring ways of helping our Elders receive more fresh vegetables.

I am aware, the owners, of Sundog Veggies, Andrew and Heather Finton, have established strong working relationships with many Yukon First Nation partners, through the Sundog Carving Program. The program later transitioned to community leadership, and is now known as, the Northern Cultural Expressions Society.

As such the owners have also made us aware, Sundog Veggies may transition, in the future, to a community-led agricultural training site, with culturally relevant programming around sustainable food security. We wish them all the best in their journey and we will be very interested in their progress.

Should you require additional information, I encourage you to contact my Executive Assistant, Eileen Duchesne at (867) 334-7918 or Eileen.Duchesne@kdfn.net

Sincerely,

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