



June 10, 2022

Re: Letter of Reference: FSC Application, Yukonstruct

Dear Future Skills Centre,

I am writing to express my highest endorsement of Yukonstruct and the shared project we have applied to for funding support for from the Future Skills Centre (FSC). Yukon University's Innovation & Entrepreneurship department has worked hand in hand with Yukonstruct for over six years to build out the territory's supports for our innovators and entrepreneurs.

This 2022 application for support marks a period where our ecosystem's supports are ready to take the next step. Thanks in part to 2021 funding from FSC, Yukon sits on a solid innovation and entrepreneurial foundation ranging from in person and remote ideation to scale up programs, research findings that are guiding future decisions, increased partnerships, and more diverse outreach personnel. This application represents another bold leap toward ensuring we have even more depth to our programming such as investment readiness training as well as actively challenging the digital and infrastructure divides that north suffers from deeply.

Yukonstruct is taking the organization's natural role in this ecosystem as lead in this application. Yukonstruct is the territory's hub of people with passion, ideas and boundless creativity all focusing on the building of a strong, future focused and innovative Yukon. Lana Selbee, the Executive Director is connected, collaborative, and imaginative. Her team is strong and partnerships rich – all essential to realize the goals and vision outlined.

Thank you for your support and ongoing partnership in building an amazing Yukon. Please let me know if you have any questions and thanks for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L Manekin Beille'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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