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To whom it may concern;

Re: Nomination for Local Talent Development - CICK Lounge Car Sessions

CICK 93.9fm - Smithers Community Radio is a volunteer based, non-profit organization, staffed by two people, that is funded by grants, some of which are awarded to us through the NCRA, along with funding from Memberships and Sponsorships.

The CICK Lounge Car Sessions are a low barrier, intimate performance space that have been a fantastic stepping stone for musicians to put their toe in the water of performing on live Radio and to a studio audience. There have been a few great examples of the paths taken once a band has stepped into our 100 year old train car studio, one being the Indigenous youth band, The Infirmary. This 4 piece band started out with a Lounge Car Session, followed by being signed as an opening band for Bison, finalizing with signing them as a headliner at our Annual Deck Fest! The Infirmary has continually thanked us for the opportunities presented to them, and we are happy to do so!

New and emerging artists have the opportunity to get in to do a Lounge Car Session throughout the year and we provide them with an audio recording and video of their session which they can use to apply to Music Festivals and other performance venues. We have received some funding to do these sessions specifically with youth in order to have them sign up for Warming Up The Act, which is a directory used by the BC Touring Council to lineup openers with presenters throughout BC. CICK has signed up over eight young, emerging artists to be a part of Warming Up The Act over the last year providing them the opportunity to be hired to tour BC!

Our Sessions also provide a space for touring musicians to get on the radio to promote their tours and upcoming scheduled local performances. During these sessions community members (lots of musicians themselves) can come in as the studio audience which seats about 20 people comfortably, providing an intimate space to interact, have conversations and photo opportunities with folks like Rae Spoon, who came by for a session in July 2019.

Sincerely;

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