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Re: **Letter of Reference**
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To whom it may concern:

This letter is written in reference to our recent experience in working with J D Strachan Construction Limited, as Construction Managers on the renovation of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church in Toronto. The project involved a comprehensive and complicated renovation of the 15,000 SF facility, with a minor addition, and included the careful restoration of some elements of the building in combination with entirely new elements. Overall project construction value is approximately \$ 1.9 million. Our client's budget was limited and the project was complicated requiring flexibility in implementation, and we therefore recommended the construction management approach.

We depended on J D Strachan to bring a number of skills to the project which included:

- The development of detailed preliminary budgets as the project design was developed, including analysis of alternative approaches to various aspects of construction.
- Advice regarding alternative technical approaches to various components of the work.
- The assembly and coordination of a competent group of sub-trades required to carry out specific aspects of the work.
- The development of a realistic construction schedule and the ability to provide updates and adjustments in response to inevitable difficulties encountered along the way.
- The assignment of a skilled and dedicated construction supervisor to oversee the day to day development of work on the site.
- The timely preparation of clear and detailed paper work related to costing, scheduling and other components of project administration.
- A clear commitment to a high degree of quality in the execution of all of the components of the work.

JDS have more than lived up to our expectations in the performance of all aspects of their work and became a critical component of the overall success of the project. The contributions made by various JDS personnel helped to ensure that our client was satisfied with the overall product and were fully informed of progress and the implications of various choices available to them. They were consistently professional, and a pleasure to work with. The confidence and trust that our client and ourselves were able to develop with JDS contributed significantly to the development of a successful team approach to project implementation. I look forward to the possibility of again working with the JDS team in the future and recommend them without hesitation for other assignments. Please call for any further information required.

Regards,



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