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Mayor Germuth & City Council

District of Kitimat

270 City Centre

Kitimat BC V8C 2H7

Re: Re-Zoning of 461 Quatsino Boulevard

Dear Mayor Germuth and Council Members:

I am thrilled to hear that Kitimat will finally be getting much needed housing for vulnerable women & their children. It has been a long time coming and this council should be proud that it can make real change in the lives of some of Kitimat's most needy citizens.

I am in full support of the site chosen by Tamitik Status of Women. This site offers several advantages to the future residents and the current residents of the neighbourhood.

Many of the families and individuals who will be using this building do not have vehicles and this location is close to the facilities and services of the down town area. Families will have access to healthcare, the library, school, recreation all within walking distance or a short, affordable cab ride. The fact that access to the grocery stores will be so close will make life much easier for people. Anyone who has ever had to take the bus with groceries, you know what I am talking about! Making this site much more ideal than any other potential sites up the hill.

This location also offers residents with the chance to be close to nature and in Kitimat we are very lucky to have this natural wonderland to call home. I was very happy to see that the building will be close to a residential area that will offer an opportunity to part of the greater community and add to the sense that this is a home not a facility. I think it is important that this building not be hidden away.

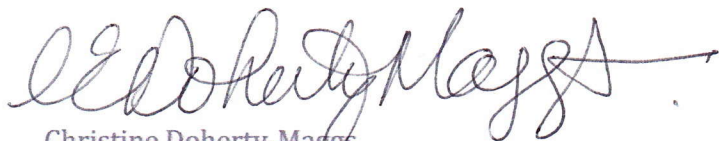
This building will be new, beautiful and modern with landscaping and a park like setting, adding to the already existing beauty in this area. And because this building has had to be approved and planned for on a community level, neighbours will know what they are getting. **The concept drawings of the building that I have seen, has the stories step back from the road, which adds a level of curb appeal that currently does not often exist in Kitimat, while making sure that the people living in the building have ready access to wrap around supports.**

The last point I would like to make that we need to diversify our neighbourhoods to include all residents of Kitimat. We all benefit from getting to know our neighbours and having this building in this location will support further diversity and inclusion in Kitimat. Really show casing the caring community that Kitimat is.

I feel that the Council should approve this re-zoning application because it is not just a building that will supply women and their children with a safe place to go when fleeing violence but a cornerstone to building new lives.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Doherty-Maggs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right from the end of the name.

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