

From: Ron Burnett

Sent: December-20-18 3:13 PM

To: Empinado Edwin; Feldhoff Mario; germuth Phil; Lani Gibson; Goffinet Rob; Terry Marleau; Mark Zielinski

Subject: 461 Quatsino

Mayor and Council,

After listening to the council meeting of Dec. 17, 2018, I have given serious thought to the problem of the placement of the proposed multi use building in Strawberry Meadows at 461 Quatsino.

People moved to Strawberry Meadows because they wanted bigger lots and more privacy.

People moved to Cable Car, which is part of Kitimat, because they wanted bigger lots and more privacy.

Since then Cable Car residents want what we have in town...playgrounds, street lights and probably more things we are not aware of.

So, why not put the multi use building for the women's shelter etc. at Cable Car?

Reasons: 1) only a very short car ride to town..about 7 min. In a city it would be a lot further.

2) no pubs or liquor stores for temptations to recovering alcoholics.

3) safe place for kids to play.

4)needle exchange, just as far as it would be for those who drop dirty needles, etc. in Nechako School playgrounds.

5) away from construction workers, who by the way, are ordinary working people so tired after a long day look forward to eat, sleep and spend face time with their families.

6)Quiet area...so spouses, partners, or whatever, not so likely to be pounding on doors at 2AM.

7)able to build as high as you want without infringing on other peoples privacy.

8) able to put the building however you wish on the lot so the sun hits the cabbages!

Due to the screw ups with zoning this area and rumors of lawsuits, that no one seems to recall, and most people in favor of the project, but not the place, why not give Cable Car a chance to be more included in the community

Why doesn't council just tell administration to get a move on.

The tail should quit wagging the dog and get on with things.

Delaying is a great tactic hoping people will forget the problem.

You want to build a 4 story building in a residential area but didn't allow A&W to put up a high sign like other communities and MacDonaldis won't come because of the big "M" arches. LOGIC????

"No one will really understand politics until they understand that politicians are not trying to solve our problems.

They are trying to solve their own problems..of which getting elected and re-elected are number one and number two.

Whatever is number three is far behind"

Merry Christmas!

Keep smiling, I'm watching and listening.

Roma Burnett

From: Lani Gibson
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2018 12:15 PM
To: Ron Burnett ; Empinado Edwin ; Feldhoff Mario ; germuth Phil ; Goffinet Rob ; Terry Marleau ; Mark Zielinski
Subject: RE: 461 Quatsino

Hi Roma,

Thanks for taking the time to let us know your concerns. The difficulty with cable car is the very inadequate transit. Many residents at the TSW project will not be able to afford to own a vehicle. I live in cable car and rely on the bus for transportation during the work week, and am limited to only a couple of opportunities each day. The proposed location provides many options for active transit - walking and biking - as well as a regular bus.

I must say that I'm a bit confused about the characterization of the proposed location as 'country living'. For me, this would be a very different discussion if the project was proposed in the middle of Strawberry Meadows, but it's being proposed along Quatsino, a major artery, which already has multi-story buildings (Quatsino apartments and Wedeene townhouses) as well as the Lahakas townhouse project. The lot in question has been zoned institutional since 2000, so all of the residents on Cranberry, with the exception of the one family who purchased their lot in 1999, would have known about the zoning before investing in a lot.

The postponement was not a delay tactic - that's frankly an unfounded allegation. If you watch the meeting again, you can see clearly that we postponed the decision to allow time for further discussion to determine if the concerns of neighbours can be addressed, and whether the project should proceed in that location. As I've said, I personally do think the location is a good one, but the design of the building may not be appropriate for the location given the impact on neighbours. We will each have to hear more and give further thought to it before making a final decision.

I must say that I take offence to the phrase 'the tail wagging the dog' which I have heard repeated many times since being elected. I believe the implication is that staff and not council are running the show. I didn't give up my income as a lawyer and my time as a mother to spend 20 - 30 hours a week doing this job in order to let other people make decisions for me; I ran for office to try to help shape our community in a positive way, and I'm pretty sure that the same could be said about the rest of Council. I think you can tell by watching our meetings that I read all of my package, listen to all of the concerns of residents, and ask staff and proponents tough questions. In the end, sometimes I will agree with staff and sometimes I will not, but I am always the one making the decision after weighing all of the information I receive. I have no problem with residents questioning the substantive aspects of the decisions that I make, but I do have concerns when people question the integrity of the process.

Thank you for taking the time to watch our meetings and be involved. It's important to have people like you in our community helping to shape our decisions by being engaged citizens.

Lani

From: Ron Burnett
Sent: Saturday, December 22, 2018 3:54 PM
To: Lani Gibson ; Ron Burnett ; Empinado Edwin ; Feldhoff Mario ; germuth Phil ; Goffinet Rob ; Terry Marleau ; Mark Zielinski
Subject: Re: 461 Quatsino

Afternoon Lani,

I'm sorry for the confusion. I thought it was clear my comments re Cable Car were partly facetious. You'll get used to me over the next 4 years!! No where did I say anything was "country living"do not put words in my mouth..I can find enough of my own!

After listening to all the presenters at the Public Hearing and the conversations around town, it is very clear, to me at least, that there is little, if any, opposition to the project itself. There is however significant opposition to the proposed location..many of them legitimate.

After all the contributions, made by the Oviatts, to this community, in good times and bad, it would seem appropriate to respond to their offer to purchase the land back. You could then use the funds to look for appropriate land...say in the Mountain View Square where there is already good lighting, parking and walking distance to amenities and other facilities. There is other land there other than by the Vets office. Or it that being saved for something else??

I worked in health care for 37 years, long before there were any "special" places for people with social and addiction problems, so I am well aware these people need a place to go, but not so as to disrupt an established residential area. However, to think that just because there are "apartments" (multi story buildings) in an area that this type of a facility would fit in, is beyond me! People living in apartments, as you know, live there for many reasons..many because they cannot afford to buy a house. This does not mean they have to be subjected to a building with people with social and addiction problems.

If you listen to the news from other communities you will hear all the problems re facilities like this and the people are most unhappy with what has happened to their community....needles left in children's play areas, loud noise at all hours of the day and night, etc. I can bet that not all people in Strawberry Meadows checked to see what type of building was going into that "institutional zone". A church, maybe a school or something like that would have been acceptable. Maybe when finding out the concerns of the residents you should include the people who live in the apartments along this route. Would any of you like to live across from this type of facility???? I think not.

Also how about looking into why businesses are moving out of the federal Building, where the present Tamitik Status of Women is housed. In case you have forgotten, there is a well known game trail frequented by grizzly bears and moose on the proposed site.

This will encourage conflict between the proposed clients and Mother Nature.

I have lived, gone to school and worked in this community for over 50 years and the term "the tail wagging the dog" is not a new one!

You are not the first, nor will you be the last councilor who wants to save the world.

This happens at every election but when you actually get there find it is not so easy to please everyone.

Sincerely, Roma