

District of Kitimat
Attention: Mayor and Council

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To whom it may concern

My name is Kenneth Cook, a previous Pastor of the Kitimat Pentecostal Church. The Church purchased a parcel of land on Strawberry Meadows approx 3 1/2 acres for the purpose of eventually building a church building on it. Shortly thereafter, the Pentecostal assemblies of BC were thinking of closing their church down here in Kitimat, but heard we needed a church building and ^{decided} to let us have their building to use as our place of worship.

That transaction changed our purpose for the parcel of land on Strawberry Meadows - we put it up for sale.

Sometime after that Gwen Sewell and an agent with B.C. assessment made an arrangement for me and the church board to ^{meet} them at city hall. They told us that they changed the zoning on that parcel of land to have it as a "Green Space" between Doug Bossitt's farm and Strawberry St. That put the church in a situation whereby we had to take a much lower price for the land knowing no body would want to buy the property if it's to be preserved as a "Green Space". Needless to say we were very upset

- with Gwen Sewell's attitude and action regarding that parcel of land that was fully bought and paid for by ^{us} the Church.
- We could not understand why they had the authority to change the zoning from 'institution' to being designated to a 'Green Space' without first contacting us regarding such an action.
 - We thought about maybe taking it to court, but then later changed our mind.
 - We were not sure whether the city councilmen were part of that decision or if that decision to change the zoning, to be left as a 'Green Space', was made by Gwen Sewell's department.
 - Regarding the "District's new plan of ^a Women's shelter and helping drug addicts," to be put on that specific site, my opinion is that the citizens on Strawberry Meadows should have the right to decide whether or not they want that facility put there. After all, we are living in a democracy not a dictatorship.

Yours truly,
Pastor H.A. Cook.

PS: I'm not opposed to the project, but only to the location of it.