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To Mayor, City Council and Planning Department of Kitimat

RE: Development of 461 Quatsino Blvd. Lot 13.

I am **OPPOSED** to the Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment for 461 Quatsino Blvd.
I am also **OPPOSED** to the proposed development for 461 Quatsino.

This development as it is now does not belong in Strawberry Meadows. It is more of a commercial enterprise that is better suited for City Centre, Mountain View Square or the old North Star site. This project does not fit with the surrounding properties at all.

All of our properties are surrounded by trees. We cannot even see our neighbours. Our backyards are completely private. We can enjoy ourselves barbecuing or playing with our children and grandchildren.

If this development goes ahead, we will no longer have any privacy in our yards.

The view from my bedroom and living room windows will be a parking lot and dumpsters.

I read that the Advisory Planning Commission has expressed concerns about location, height and the **KNOWN** location of the transition house.

These are concerns that we share.

The transition house is supposed to be a safe place for women and children trying to escape violence and yet you are advertising its location.

How can these women and children feel safe if the abusive husband/father/boyfriend is accessing services in the same building where they are staying? If that husband/father/boyfriend is visiting others in the same building?

I absolutely agree that Kitimat needs a Women's Shelter but **not this project in this location**.

If this were a home like the other shelter in Kitimat, one that blended in with the surroundings, one that was just another house on the street, I would support it wholeheartedly but it is not. It is a 4 storey building with additional housing units for MEN and women, office and commercial spaces, food bank, furniture and needle exchange facilities.

Again, I hope that Mayor and Council will do the right thing and listen to the residents of Strawberry Meadows and all other residents of Kitimat who ARE **OPPOSED** to the proposed development and reject the application for Re-Zoning and Amending the Official Community Plan for 461 Quatsino Blvd.

Regards,

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