

January 14, 2019

District of Kitimat
270 City Centre,
Kitimat, BC V8C 2H7

Via: Email

Re: Boni Maddison Architects submitted an Official Community Plan (OCP) and zoning amendment application on behalf of Tamitik Status of Women (TSW) to permit a mixed use development consisting of commercial, offices, transition housing, second stage housing, and affordable rental housing. The amendment would allow TSW to establish a main location for the organization's many community programs, services and supportive housing units.

Attention: Mayor and Council

Since the last public hearing I have tried to educate myself more on this subject, but I keep coming to the same conclusion. I already agree with the necessity of this project. I already agree with every service that will be offered. I already agree that centralizing these services in one area makes sense.

However, I still don't agree with the building design for the proposed area. The proposed height of the building and the footprint of this project are absolutely unacceptable to me. This will forever change my life and my investment. There is no way to get around the visual obscenity of a four-story building in my backyard or a well-lit parking lot that extends to my property line.....UNACCEPTABLE!

I request that this project be put on hold until the DoK, TSW and the residents of Strawberry Meadows meet to discuss a re-design of the building and footprint that works for everyone. As a suggestion, I would like to see the building height lowered to two stories and turned 90 degrees from its proposed location, so that it backs onto the north side of the lot. The footprint of the two-story building should also be spread out across the whole three plus acres of the lot. This would ensure that adequate tree buffers could be kept in place for respect and privacy of neighbors.

As you can see from the enclosed letter, some of the residents of Strawberry Meadows, including myself, already reached out to the TSW requesting an opportunity to work together on a re-design that works for everyone, but they declined.

If the DoK chooses not to engage with us or to use any of their other more suitable lots for this project because they may have a vested interest in their future development sends a message that the residents of Kitimat don't matter.

Sincerely,

Martin McIlwrath
10 Cranberry St.

December 21, 2018

Tamitik Status of Women
350-370 City Centre
Kitimat, BC V8C 1T6

Attention: Linda Slanina

Re: TSW proposed building design at Strawberry Meadows

Dear Linda,

There has been a lot of discussion generated between the residents of Strawberry Meadows following the information that was exchanged at the public hearing on December 17, 2018.

As a result, the residents of Strawberry Meadows are willing to welcome your very important project into our beautiful sub-division, but in order to do so, we ask that you work with us on a building redesign that is acceptable to all stakeholders and one that truly fits with Strawberry Meadows' aesthetic.

We have a number of concerns with the existing building design and footprint that we think can be mitigated by lowering the height of the building and spreading the footprint over the entire property at 461 Quatsino Blvd, while retaining greenspaces for all neighbors.

We hope that you take this opportunity to work together with us to ensure that this project is a success for everyone.

Please contact Tammy DeMedeiros at 250-639-1121, Jack Oviatt at 250-639-1251 or Martin McIlwrath at 250-639-5308 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Strawberry Meadows Residents