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To Mayor, City Council and Planning Department of Kitimat

I would like to remind the Mayor and Council that roughly 2 years ago, a much smaller project proposed for Strawberry Meadows was rejected by council as the application was not consistent to the demand and it did not fit in the neighborhood.

Now the District of Kitimat Planning Department is stabbing every property owner living on Quatsino, The Meadows, Blackberry Estates and beyond in the back with a bigger building, with commercial entities, food bank, furniture and needle exchange etc.

The question is why is it acceptable now? Just because the District of Kitimat owns the land?

The Tamitik Status of Women seem to be showing disregard about the safety of their clients and children since men will be lodged in the very same building along with the other entities that will drastically reduce the safety of their clients. It seems to be all about the funding they can get and very little concern shown for the safety of their women and children.

The District of Kitimat should be very proud to be a town where the address of the Women's Shelter is advertised and known by everyone. Other towns and cities are much more cautious where the shelter location is known only by the RCMP and the persons working there.

Shames Mountain is jealous of the TSW for all the publicity they are getting.

With the acquisition of the land in mind (highly unorthodox I would say) the same scenario seems to have occurred all over again in the manner that nobody has ever questioned the Planning Department about the feasibility to conduct studies in Mountain View Square that would accommodate everyone.... TSW and Property Owners.

You would think that a reasonable City Planner would make alterations (or revisions if you prefer) especially after the new input that occurred at the Public Hearing on December 17th where Mr. Oviatt offered to pay to TSW the money they have already spent (\$ 100,000) and to purchase the land from the DOK at same value they have stated along with many other alternatives suggested.

All we heard is that the Planning Department "has plans" for the property behind Mountain View Square and nobody has questioned what those plans are or if in fact there are any at all.

This would be a great time for City Council to take action to unite the town of Kitimat. The Council should be talking to the City Planner to make things happen. The City Planner has the duty to make revisions as needed to accommodate the entire town, not just a small part of it especially after new input from the last Public Hearing.

The Re-Zoning would be devastating for all property owners in the entire neighborhood since the lot is divided into 2 where the 4 storey building would be sitting on one lot and #2 lot would be open for further expansion. Perhaps another 4 storey building or bigger. This re-zoning would guarantee a substantial decrease in property values and more safety and security issues for all.

I am still the man who questioned the integrity of this process with all due respect because no one would spend \$ 100,000.00 (one hundred thousand dollars) on property they do not own, that has not been re-zoned along with several other items that would make any lawyers eyebrows raise.

This was a "done deal" from day one and the DOK has shown nothing less than disregard for the safety and security of the people. Believe it or not, we do have wives, mothers, sons, daughters and grandchildren. The District of Kitimat has never once mentioned one single safety concern throughout the entire process. Not a single one.

There is a reason why only the RCMP know the location of shelter for women and children running from abusive relationships. Does the District of Kitimat know that reason?

The tremendous increase in foot and vehicle traffic originating from the food bank, affordable housing and furniture and needle exchange will absolutely NOT be in favor of the women and children living in the very same location where all these people will be coming and going every day. No regard for their safety and no regard for ours.

This "Done Deal" atmosphere that we have been living under is very brutal. A complete feeling of hopelessness of the residents and home owners of the Meadows, Blackberry Estates, Wedeene Streets, Quatsino and beyond.

Again, it is up to the Council to tell the City Planning and Development Staff to make revisions that will make everybody in Kitimat happy in the process not the other way around where the City Planner dictates to Council.

To all City Councilors. UNITE THE TOWN. DON'T DIVIDE IT.

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