

February 28, 2019

Re: Zoning and OCP Amendment for 461 Quatsino Boulevard

Dear Kitimat Mayor and Council,

I would like to express my support for the housing project and proposed location put forward by Tamitik Status of Women.

This project is extremely important - the consolidation of housing and support services is long overdue in Kitimat. Not only will this project allow for more community members to be served when at risk for or fleeing from violence, it will also allow these community members to have the services and support they need when planning their future. Leaving an unsafe home is a very difficult and exhausting task, one that is made even more difficult in rural areas such as Kitimat. Tamitik Status of Women's new facilities will help with these transitions.

Kitimat may be a small town, but it can still be difficult to get around without a vehicle. This new project allows for Tamitik Status of Women's services to be consolidated in one location, easing the time, travel, and cost barriers to accessing them. Having this development in the proposed lot would also allow people to easily access schools, recreation facilities, banks, and other services. This is important as it allows those living in the development to be a part of the community.

Kitimat is a special town. It is a place where people come together to support their community. It is filled with generous neighbours and routinely raises large sums of money for charities. This time, rather than only supporting through money, I hope Kitimat decides to support through action as well.

Respectfully,

Kelli McLeod