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District of Kitimat
270 City Centre,
Kitimat, BC
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Attention: Mayor Phil Germuth

Dear Mayor Germuth:

Re: OCP and Zoning Amendment Application, 461 Quatsino Blvd

Thank you for providing us with a referral letter dated November 26, 2018 concerning the District of Kitimat's consideration of a proposed Official Community Plan and zoning amendment for 461 Quatsino Boulevard. The application is made on behalf of the Tamitik Status of Women in order to permit a mixed use development for housing, a new headquarters for the Tamitik Status of Women and various programs. We fully support this initiative and applaud the District of Kitimat for its previous donation of land and cash contribution in support of this project.

As the application for Official Community Plan and zoning amendment underlines, this initiative is meant "to provide housing and services for individuals and families with a focus on addressing violence against women, youth and children". It is also geared towards "promoting a healthy community by offering ongoing support programs, education and opportunity". The Haisla Nation fully supports this initiative recognizing the special obligation governments have put in place programs to protect and enhance opportunities for the most vulnerable segments of society.

We underline that the land in question, while donated by the District of Kitimat to the Tamitik Status of Women, is subject to Haisla Nation aboriginal title. Aboriginal title is a constitutionally protected aboriginal right that includes the ability to choose the uses to which lands are put. While the Haisla Nation has never been compensated for the unlawful taking of our aboriginal title land generally, we wholeheartedly support and consent to the intended use contemplated by this particular application.



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Yours truly,
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