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Subject: Rezoning of 461 Quatsino

A four story building does not belong in the residential area of Strawberry Meadows - I am against the rezoning as presented. If the rezoning is lowered to 9M I am for this proposal.

Five Facts that we cannot ignore:

1. Boni Madison the architect states that the building can be lowered - Dec. 17th Council meeting
2. BC Housing states also that the building can be lowered - not optimal but nevertheless less can be done - Jan 7 Council meeting
3. District of Kitimat has offered more land to lower the building, which also adds room for more parking, snow clearing and buffer zone.
4. Jack Oviatt has offered financial assistance to lower the building - Feb 19th Council Meeting
5. The BC Housing website states that third stage transitional Housing or Low Cost Housing delivers varying levels of support, but not staffed 24 hours a day or 7 days a week. Confirmed by BC Housing representative at the Luso Hall Open House. This is a very important piece of information to lower the building.

I do not believe that any part of Boni Madison's remark "Clearly we can" [lower the building] was taken out of context. They are a professional firm with many years experience, and dealing with a fourteen million dollar building project. Of course they can.

Also the professionals at BC Housing would not say to Mayor and Council that they could design a more spread out building if they could not do it. It may not be optimal .

However... neither is it optimal for the neighbours to have a four story monstrosity invading the privacy of their yards and homes. It is also not optimal to remove the existing buffer zone. It certainly is not optimal having property values drop. People have have put their life savings into these homes.

It is not optimal that the District of Kitimat gave the go ahead on this project far before the public heard any details. They had the power to get these two sides to the table and did not. How the DOK and Mayor and Council solves this problem will be felt for years to come.

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