

December 13, 2018

Morganne Williams
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District of Kitimat
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Re: Zoning and OCP Amendment for 461 Quatsino Blvd

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am writing in response to your email sent on November 26, 2018 regarding the Kitimat Council's proposed Official Community Plan and Zoning Amendment for 461 Quatsino Blvd for Tamitik Status of Women's Housing Project.

Northern Health supports this Official Community Plan Amendment to allow a mixed use development consisting of commercial, offices, transition housing, second stage housing, and affordable rental housing. From a population health and healthy built environment (HBE) perspective, providing diverse, affordable housing forms and tenure types and prioritizing housing for vulnerable populations has been shown to contribute to positive health outcomes including improvements in quality of life and mental health. Similarly, mixed land use developments support accessibility to a variety of amenities within close proximity to homes, which encourages active transportation and/or recreational physical activity. As such, we believe the proposed OCP amendment has the potential to make a positive health impact in the community.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,



Shuja Awan, CPHI(C)
Environmental Health Officer