

Dear Phil.

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“Love thy neighbor as thy self...” a mantra needed for the community of Kitimat so that we unite and support each other.

I am urging you to give your full support for the zoning of the land designated for the construction of the new facility for the organization “Tamatik Status of Women”.

So much planning has gone into the concept of developing a building that will offer crucial “multi - service” facilities. The location chosen is ideal and strategic in being close to a school, to shops, to the hospital and medical offices, to the library and to recreation buildings like the soccer fields, arenas and swimming pool. But, the key word is...it is in a neighbourhood that offers NORMALCY, INCLUSIVENESS AND HOPE to those in our society who need it the most. Isolation and loneliness are words used to predict the future ailment of our society. YOU are capable of doing something about it by recognizing how very important and progressive this facility will be if it is built at the proposed location. This whole issue is not about dividing the community from those who have and those who do not. It is about coming together to move forward and improve the well being of **ALL** citizens.

So many people in the community are unaware and oblivious to the fact that getting the support of B.C. Housing is like winning the “Grand Lotto Prize”. This organization is backing a project that they know is for the betterment of a progressive and growing community. The city of Kitimat is so far behind other communities of comparable size who have progressive visioning and forward planning for developing low cost housing for both the young and elderly citizens.

We must get our heads out of the sand and move forward as a united community to see this project come to fruition. **Please, please don't waiver in your support** for the chosen location for this project. You are determining the fate of those who often can't speak for themselves but need to be heard.

Yes, we are “our brother's keeper” but in this case we must embrace and be inclusive of each other as caring neighbours. The success and strength of our community is based on the strength of the weakest link ...the most vulnerable of our citizens.

Let's give the Tamatik Status of Women 100% support.

I remain a grateful citizen of Kitimat for the 49 years I have lived here

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