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**Re: Zoning and OCP Amendment for 461 Quatsino Boulevard**

Dear Kitimat Mayor and Council,

I would like to express my full support as a resident of Kitimat for the housing project and proposed location submitted by Tamitik Status of Women.

As a former Police Victim Services Coordinator, I have worked with many women and children across Northern BC who struggled to find safe housing. Resources for this population are essential.

Residents are unlikely to realize that a woman they know as their neighbour and friend may be the very one seeking services from Tamitik Status of Women (TSW). The stigma towards victims of domestic violence continues to be a struggle that only increases the barriers that victims face as they try to rebuild their lives and leave an unsafe relationship.

Tamitik Status of Women (TSW) has served the community for years and worked tirelessly to meet the needs of these hidden victims, with limited resources and support. The funding for this new development should be embraced and supported by the Council and community members as it expands the capacity of TSW to meet the needs of local residents.

I strongly urge the Council and District of Kitimat residents to focus on accessibility for clients and their needs as the priority for consideration of this zoning request.

Sincerely,



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