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From: Robinson.MLA, Selina <Selina.Robinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: May 27, 2019 2:35 PM
To: Minister, MAH MAH:EX
Subject: FW: Wet Facility on 2nd Street or 70th Avenue, Grand Forks, B.C.
Attachments: 2nd street site.jpg

From: s.22

Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 2:28 PM

To: Robinson.MLA, Selina

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Subject: Wet Facility on 2nd Street or 70th Avenue, Grand Forks, B.C.

Dear Ms. Robinson,

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We picked this town because it seemed friendly and safe. We don't feel that way anymore, and are horrified by what we are seeing. Seems like something fishy is going on here. Our town is turning into a destination for drug abusers, who know that they will get free food and housing with no questions asked, and they are starting to come here from afar. We have a known group of about 12 drug addicts who are being coddled with a warming centre and free meals. We are about to open a Soup Kitchen which will also feed them. They will never move into the 2nd Street Project, where ever it is located. They prefer to live by their own rules and giving them free food and shelter is not helping them, it is enabling them. We had two underage American runaways staying at the current warming centre and no one was checking ID's? If we get this Wet Facility it will only encourage more drug addicts. We don't need or want them.

Our city council and town is **being bullied by BC Housing** into taking a Wet Facility that we do not need. We do not have the resources to help people in need. We do not have enough RCMP to do their jobs now; they are understaffed and unable to control the drug usage here now. We have drug users shooting up in the parks and in family neighbourhoods, leaving needles everywhere. Meanwhile the RCMP are seen to be attending the Warming Centre two or three times a day. What will it look like after this unnecessary Wet Facility is built? Nelson is crying out for a facility like this, build it there.

I strongly condemn the building of anything like this Wet Facility. The local drug addicts will not use it, and we will be importing criminal elements from all over the region. I don't want it in **either location**.

I do not understand why Grand Forks was even considered for this facility. We just do not need it. There has been no credible counting of the homeless population here, although we do know that about 12 drug addicts are being coddled at the current warming centre. Why is B.C. Housing building a facility in a town with no resources to look after the tenants? As I stated we do not have enough RCMP, or medical or counseling resources. Our hospital cannot cope with this either. We don't need more pandering to drug addicts. They are homeless by choice, they would rather buy drugs and get free handouts from Whispers Of Hope which runs the warming centre and the new Soup Kitchen of which our Mayor is involved. Apparently his friend owns the building where the Warming Centre is housed. It really seems like something shady is happening in Grand Forks. In the past election Mayor Brian Taylor won only about half the seats. He got about 500

votes out of 1050, whereas we had a signed petition by 1024 residents opposing the Wet Facility within two weeks, which he just pushed to the side and did not acknowledge.

Since December 2018 we have been spending almost \$60,000.00 per month to support 12 drug addicts. We could have bought each of them a house by now. **WHAT A COLOSSAL WASTE OF MONEY. The Federal Government has refused our application for flood assistance, and the people who were affected by last year's flooding are not getting anything. The downtown core has many businesses that have not reopened due to insurance claims, etc. Think what that \$60,000. per month would have meant to them. And all the people who were displaced will not even be able to move into the low rental housing being built at another location. Where is the fairness in this?**

WHAT ABOUT THE FLOOD VICTIMS FROM LAST YEAR. WHERE ARE THE PRIORITIES TO HELP THEM?

Please do not create more problems for our town.^{s.22}
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I repeat BCH IS BULLYING OUR TOWN.

Attached is a picture of the location B.C. Housing is proposing for this facility. It was under a food of water last year.

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Subject: Supportive Housing in Grand Forks, B.C.

May 30, 2019

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From: BC Housing CEO <bchceo@bchousing.org>
Sent: July 19, 2019 2:02 PM
To: s.22
Subject: Your email to the Honourable Selina Robinson

Ref: 246785

Dear s.22

Your May 27, 2019, email to the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, regarding supportive housing in Grand Forks has been forwarded to me. As Chief Executive Officer of BC Housing, I am pleased to respond.

There is an urgent need for a range of housing in Grand Forks, including housing for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Grand Forks has seen the displacement of citizens and an increase in homelessness over the past few years due to flooding, housing affordability, and other economic and social factors.

As per our commitment to the City of Grand Forks, we have agreed to defer any conversations on supportive housing until this fall. However, construction is underway on a 52-unit affordable rental housing project for families, seniors and people with disabilities located at 6895 19th Street, which is expected to complete by winter 2019.

We will continue to work with the City of Grand Forks to address affordable housing needs in the community.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours truly,

Shayne Ramsay
Chief Executive Officer

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Subject: Supportive Housing in Grand Forks BC (Hard to House Wet Facility)
Attachments: Opposition to Hard to House GF.pdf

Attached is a PDF of my letter expressing my concerns over the on going Bullying that BCH has been doing to the Citizens of Grand Forks BC. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication,
s.22 Thank you.

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The number one reason the Junkies and their enablers are turning this town into an uncomfortable environment when you must worry about your house being safe even if you go away for the day. And the Justice System does nothing when they get caught. Check out the new tenants from out of town arriving at the Warming Center now and more will come. British Columbia Housing is not listening to the citizens of this City. NO means NO. **WE DO NOT WANT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.**

BCH is offering money to the Warming Centre for extensions, even though the cool weather is long gone. As I understand it WHO (Whispers of Hope) did not advocate for the extension for April, May and it continues. The community did not ask for a 24 hr per day hang out center but that is what BCH has imposed on us. This is the ghetto BCH is pushing onto Grand Forks. BCH is the conduit for the money to Warming Centre. How the hell are we going to get these Super Users (Junkies and Thieves) into a Rapid Response 2 Homelessness project with rules, when it is a free for all at the Warming Center which is ^{s.22} BCH has previously stated they are not in the Business of running shelters, so I wonder what BCH is really doing. We are not interested in being the Kootenay Ghetto. So please back off.

At the current warming center I see the problem as a lack of rules and accountability. I have no idea how tenants there at the Warming Center will adapt to a rules based, supportive housing unit. My feeling is not even one of these people will accept they have to pay rent, internet, tv etc. to live somewhere with rules. They would have no where to store their stolen contraband.

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Subject: Your email to the Honourable Selina Robinson

Ref: 246784

Your May 27, 2019, email to the Honourable Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, regarding supportive housing in Grand Forks has been forwarded to me. As Chief Executive Officer of BC Housing, I am pleased to respond.

There is an urgent need for a range of housing in Grand Forks, including housing for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Grand Forks has seen the displacement of citizens and an increase in homelessness over the past few years due to flooding, housing affordability, and other economic and social factors.

As per our commitment to the City of Grand Forks, we have agreed to defer any conversations on supportive housing until this fall. However, construction is underway on a 52-unit affordable rental housing project for families, seniors and people with disabilities located at 6895 19th Street, which is expected to complete by winter 2019.

We will continue to work with the City of Grand Forks to address affordable housing needs in the community.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours truly,

Shayne Ramsay
Chief Executive Officer



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Dear ^{s.22}

I am in receipt of a petition submitted by ^{s.22} which you signed, regarding the supportive housing project at 7382 2nd Street in Grand Forks. I am writing to provide some additional information on the issues raised in the petition. s.22

There is an urgent need for a range of housing in Grand Forks, including housing for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Grand Forks has seen the displacement of citizens and an increase in homelessness over the past few years due to flooding, housing affordability, and other economic and social factors. Following the 2018 flood, BC Housing announced two developments planned for the Grand Forks area, on 2nd Street and 19th Street, to help address the community's escalating housing shortage and provide housing for vulnerable people in the community who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. The Province of British Columbia is committed to working with the community and local partners to make sure these provincially-funded housing projects meet the needs of residents and the entire community. s.22

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Before the 2nd Street site was selected, BC Housing and City staff discussed a number of potential ^{s.22} locations, and it was determined that this site was the best option, as it was already zoned for supportive housing, and was located close to amenities. Input from the community has already helped to shape this project; for example, as a result of community consultation, plans changed from a building with 50 bachelor suites to one with 34 one-bedroom apartments. s.22

BC Housing will continue to engage with the Grand Forks community around this project, including continued neighbourhood outreach to residents and businesses. BC Housing will also post updates on the project as well as engagement opportunities on their website at:

<https://www.bchousing.org/partner-services/public-engagement/projects/grand-forks-2nd-street>.

The other affordable housing project planned for Grand ^{s.22} Forks is a 52-unit family and seniors development at 6895 19th Street. The City of Grand Forks approved this project, including the form and character of the design, in February 2019. BC Housing will hold community sessions to provide more information and answer questions about the development once an operator has been identified.

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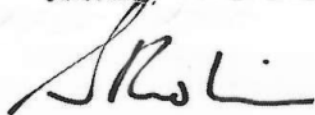
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Residents of supportive housing come from diverse backgrounds, but the common thread is that all residents have made the choice to work toward living a healthy, stable life. BC Housing, service providers including Interior Health Authority, and housing operators will work together to ensure that the needs of residents are well matched to the types of support services provided, while also ensuring an appropriate mix of tenants within the buildings. Supportive housing developments like these not only get people out of the cold and into safe, secure housing; they also help people rebuild their lives with the right supports, dignity and respect.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



Selina Robinson
Minister