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BC Community Living Action Group
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Re: Housing for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to your letter dated October 13, 2011 regarding your request for the Village of Cumberland Council's support via a resolution for housing for adults with developmental disabilities, please be advised that at the October 24th, 2011 meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Cumberland, the following resolution was passed:

"WHEREAS:

1. The Provincial Government is cutting funding and supports for adults with developmental disabilities, resulting in the closure of group homes and mounting waiting lists for services;
2. These group homes form a vital and necessary part of the housing continuum that has won broad support from members of the public at large, families of adults with developmental disabilities and the communities in which they are located;
3. The forced relocation of adults with developmental disabilities, against their will and without the support of their families, is causing severe emotional hardship to many families and growing vulnerability in the community, jeopardizing health and safety and increasing the risk of illness or homelessness;
4. The BC Community Living Action Group, which represents more than 65 affected agencies and organizations, thousands of families, and adults with developmental disabilities, has called for an end to service cuts and the closure of group homes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Cumberland urge the Provincial Government to end funding cuts, implement a moratorium on the closure of group homes and provide sufficient financial resources both to maintain this vital housing resource and address growing waitlists".

Sincerely,

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