



The Honourable Stephanie Cadieux
Minister of Social Development
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2011-OCT-27

Dear Minister Cadieux:

At a meeting of Council held Monday, October 24th, Council received a letter from the BC Community Living Action Group (BC-CLAG) providing information on the recent cuts to housing and program supports funded by Community Living BC (CLBC) for adults with development disabilities. A copy of the Resolution passed by the Vancouver City Council was attached to help address the crisis.

The Council of the City of Nanaimo at its meeting passed the following motion:

“WHEREAS:

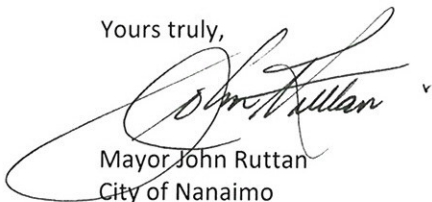
1. The Provincial government is cutting funding and supports for adults with developmental disabilities, resulting in the closure of group homes and mounting waiting lists for services;
2. These group homes form a vital and necessary part of the housing continuum that has won broad support from members of the public at large, families of adults with development disabilities and the communities in which they are located;
3. We support the creation of new supportive housing options to provide appropriate options for parents and their adult children with developmental disabilities;
4. The BC Community Living Action Group, which represents more than 65 affected agencies and organizations, thousands of families, adults with developmental disabilities, has called for an end to service cuts and the closure of group homes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Council 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 waiting lists; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be circulated to the AVICC and the UBCM for their consideration.”

Yours truly,



Mayor John Ruttan
City of Nanaimo

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