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Community Living BC

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Ministry of Children and Family Development  
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Victoria, BC V8W 9S5

Dear Sirs:

**Re: Reductions in Funding and Support for Adults with Developmental Disabilities**

At its November 7, 2011 regular meeting, District of Mission Council passed the following resolution:

**“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 Parent Support Group for Families of Mentally Handicapped Adults Society has approached the City of Vancouver seeking assistance to create new supportive housing options to provide homes for parents and their adult children with developmental disabilities;
4. 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;

5. 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 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 waitlists."

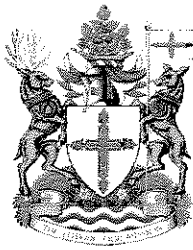
The District of Mission shares the concerns and frustrations of municipalities across the Province surrounding the cuts in funding and supports for adults with developmental disabilities. The reduction in these public health and safety services has caused significant stress and upheaval both to the individuals relying on those services for a better quality of life and to their families.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Atebe', with a horizontal line underneath.

**James Atebe**  
MAYOR

cc: Lower Mainland Local Government Association  
Union of British Columbia Municipalities  
Marc Dalton, MLA  
Randy Hawes, MLA  
Randy Kamp, MP



## **District of Mission**

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF **RESOLUTION NO. RC11/543** ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF MISSION ON NOVEMBER 7, 2011:

RESOLVED:

That the following motion be circulated to the BC Community Living Action Group, Community Living BC, the Ministry of Children and Family Development, the Lower Mainland Local Government Association, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and Mission's Member of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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CARRIED

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Resolution No. RC11/543 adopted by the Council of the District of Mission on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

  
Kelly Ridley

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION