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The Honourable Mary McNeil
Minister of Children and Family Development
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October 28, 2011

Dear Ms. McNeil,

**Re: BC Community Living Action Group - Council Resolution in support of
Housing for Adults with Developmental Disabilities**

At its Regular Meeting held on October 24, 2011, Council passed the following resolution to support the reinstatement of provincial funding for housing and program supports provided by the BC Community Living Action Group:

*Moved by Councillor Giuliano
Seconded by Councillor Iddon*

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 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;*

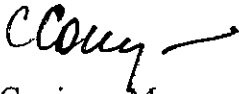
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. 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.*

CARRIED

Yours truly,



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cc The Honourable Christy Clark, Premier for the Province of British Columbia
Bill Bennett, MLA – Kootenay East
Jane Dyson, Executive Director, BC Community Living Action Group
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