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BC Community Living Action Group (BC-CLAG)  
#204 – 456 West Broadway  
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Attention: Jane Dyson  
Executive Director

Dear Ms. Dyson:

Please be advised that at the January 4, 2012 Regular Meeting, Council for the Village of Granisle unanimously supported the following resolution regarding housing for adults with development disabilities.

Moved by Councillor Peter Green  
Seconded by Councillor Jim O'Farrell

**WHEREAS**

1. The Provincial Government is cutting funding and supports for adults with development 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. The Parent Support Group for Families of Mentally Handicapped Adults Society have 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**

- A. THAT Council urge the Provincial Government to end funding cuts, implement a moratorium on

the closure of group homes and provided sufficient financial resources both to maintain this vital housing resource and address growing waitlists.

B. THAT Council direct staff to report to Council on:

- the impact of these changes on city services, including supportive housing and police services;
- the status of group homes in the City of Vancouver;
- options to include homes for adults with development disabilities in the provision of supported housing in the city; and
- options to protect the existing homes.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this motion be circulated to the LMLGA and the UBCM for their consideration.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda McGuire". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" and last name "McGuire" clearly distinguishable.

Linda McGuire  
Mayor

cc: Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)  
Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA)