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Honourable Mary McNeill
Minister of Children and Family Development
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Victoria, BC
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Dear Honourable Mary McNeill,

Please be advised that at the regular Council meeting held 03 November 2011, Council for the City of Powell River adopted 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 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 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 reduction in funding and support substantially impacts adults with developmental disabilities and their families throughout out the Province, including our community of Powell River. Through local agencies such as the Powell River Association for Community Living and the Powell River Brain Injury Society, Powell River strives to be a safe, inclusive community where everyone belongs and lives a good life.

We urge you to provide the resources and support necessary to assist communities in ensuring a good quality of life for all our citizens.

Yours truly,
CITY OF POWELL RIVER

David J. Formosa
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Mayor and Council