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BC Community Living Action Group
c/o BCCPD
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To Whom this May Concern:

Re: The Crisis in BC's Community Living Sector

Thank you for your letter dated December 23rd, 2011 in regards to the crisis in BC's community living sector.

Please be advised that at the Monday, January 16th, 2012 Regular Meeting of Spallumcheen Council the following resolution was passed:

"..that the letter from BC Community Living Action Group (BC-CLAG) dated December 23rd, 2011 – Re: The Crisis in BC's Community Living Sector be received by Spallumcheen Council and that the Township of Spallumcheen support the following resolution;

Whereas 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;

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;

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;

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;

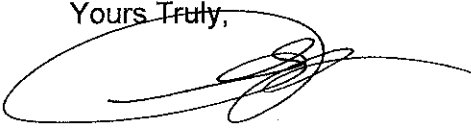
The BC Community Living Action Group, which represents more than sixty-five (65) affected agencies and organizations, thousands of families, and adults with developmental disabilities, has called for an end to service cuts and the closure of group homes.

Therefore be it resolved that Spallumcheen Council urge the Provincial Government to end funding cuts, implements a moratorium on the closure of group homes and provide sufficient financial resources both to maintain this vital housing resource and address growing waitlists.

AND Further That this motion be circulated to the LMLGA and the UBCM for their consideration."

If you have any questions in this regard please contact the Municipal Office.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynda Shykora', written over a large, loopy scribble.

for: Lynda Shykora
Chief Administrative Officer

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