



July 18, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Re: RA000489

Dear City of Nanaimo Mayor & Council:

On behalf of Connective Support Society Nanaimo (CSSN), it is our pleasure to provide this letter of support for Snuneymuxw First Nation (SFN) and BC Housing's supportive housing project at 355 Nicol St, Nanaimo, BC.

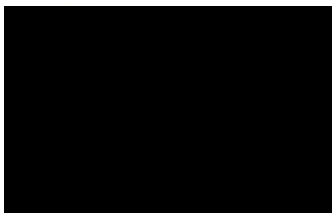
Our agency provides services across Nanaimo and Vancouver Island to those who have interactions with the criminal justice system and to individuals and families who are struggling with obtaining and maintaining housing in our community. Much of the work of CSSN is to ensure that the social fabric of our community is strong and diverse. This includes delivering programs and services to under-reached and marginalized populations.

In this regard, our organization is very much in support of the proposed 35-unit supportive housing complex, and the undersigned has seen first-hand the excellent work that has been accomplished to date by SFN and BC Housing in the wider community.

Thank you for including our support in your considerations. We sincerely believe this project is going to be a positive addition to the community.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



John Horn
Executive Director
Connective Support Society Nanaimo

Connective Support Society Nanaimo



July 21, 2023

Re: Application for Supportive Housing at 355 Nicol Street - RA000489
Letter of Support

Dear City of Nanaimo Mayor and Council,

Island Crisis Care Society has been providing shelter and care in Nanaimo since the early 1980s and in fact our first building was at 355 Nicol Street, where we operated Samaritan House until a couple of years ago.

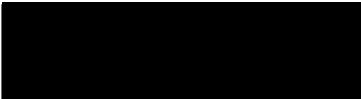
This letter is to show our support for the request to put in Supportive Housing at 355 Nicol Street. As a neighbour to Samaritan Place, at 702 Nicol Street, we look forward to working with the Nation as we believe that our agencies will be able to work together with programming and supports for residents. We have been very impressed with the work that SFN has been doing to support their vulnerable people and believe that this building will be a continuation of their success.

Even with the 51 units at Samaritan Place there is still such a need in Nanaimo, with a higher percentage of those experiencing homelessness coming from the indigenous community.

Samaritan Place has fit into the community well and we believe that the building at 355 Nicol would also be an asset.

Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,



Violet Hayes
Executive Director

From: Hugo Tarko [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 8:43 PM
To: Public Hearing <Public.Hearing@nanaimo.ca>
Subject: Nicol Street 355 Rezone 2023

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Hello

[REDACTED] would like to recommend that the future building on Nicol Street 355 would keep its parameters to the previous drawings. It would be more beneficial for everyone who is affected and would be easier to adopt.

The new height and occupation density of the complex would have a very negative impact on our family the most. We would lose privacy, sky, and sunlight. That many people would bring noise pollution and disturbance. Heavy traffic in the alley would continue late at night with all sorts of surprises, simply because of its business and lifestyle. We would not like to see more store carts around, garbage, drug use, and people lying around. Also the possible loss of parking spot in front of our house.

The 'Right of Way' space between the two single-dwelling houses Haliburton 334 and 364 is incapable to function as a hang-out, sit-out area for the residents of the Nicol Street 355 building or for others from the Neighborhood.

The area is simply just too small and every little shus is clearly hearable.

It is only about 6m wide, faced with kitchen and bathroom windows from both sides.

That would be unhealthy and stressful. Our family deserves to have kept respected its peace and privacy in all sorts of ways just like everybody else. We also respect others' privacy and do not sit and chat or listen to music next to other people's homes and privet life. We do not deal drugs, swear, or show bad examples.

This is a very sensitive and important issue, fundamental needs. Verry stressful and has a lot depending on it. The stress indirectly will affect the family this is evident.

The sound easily travels and bounces between the houses when people walk by the alley. With a new building and its certain business, the noise would just be more often present if not all the time, and spread and bounce more easily too.

I wish someone could experience for themselves how a fence does not help much for a bench next to it. Benches would lead to all sorts of problems and interferences with our private life.

It is enough that Nicol Street 355 has its teras facing down on us.

If these previously mentioned basic needs are missing from our everyday life, we would have a miserable and stressful life. We need our privacy and peace to keep up with every day and carry on, wake up in the morning, work, and raise kids. Have a healthy life with no impact from outside.

At the end of the day, this is why we do all the work and pay so we can have something where we can have our peace and rest.

We are working hard, both of us with my wife to make a living and raise two young kids. My wife and I are very selective about what we would like the kids to see or hear. We hope that at least around the home they won't see or hear something that would lead them to unwanted directions. It would be nice to let the children out without checking who is on the other side of the fence.

We pay taxes for the whole property not just the house and we would like to be able to use our yard and not to adjust to some sort of schedule or anybody's schedule.

I would like to have the freedom to speak with my wife about private things outside in our yard, whenever we want or not to worry that someone will learn about our schedule or important personal information, or our belongings.

Realistically the kitchen windows are just meters away from the fence.

The fact itself that another heavy, low-income supporting house wants to rise up in the neighborhood right on our neck just on the other side of the alley which is sloping down here is very unfair to us. I don't think anybody would like a building like this in the neighborhood, anyway especially to live here in [REDACTED] after the building is completed, or during the construction.

We would like it if the building about to be built on Nicol Street 355 would keep its original height of 14m and area ratio of to 1.5 and not modify that to larger. Also, the 'Right of Way' would be designed maximum as a Corridor only, with No option for hanging out at any time. Special care is taken to not harm privacy, peace, and noise pollution when functions as a corridor.

Please understand we do not want to be part of this institution, and we do not want to carry any burden and problems that come with this complex. It is already enough to carry our life and its problems. We would like to be left out of this project by keeping our privacy whole, this is a minimum thing that should be paid careful attention to.

This is for our Health.

Sincerely

Tarko family



July 24, 2023

Re: 355 Nicol Street

Dear City of Nanaimo Mayor & Council:

On behalf Kw'umut Lelum, it is our pleasure to provide this letter of support for Snuneymuxw First Nation (SFN) and BC Housing's supportive housing project at 355 Nicol St, Nanaimo, BC. Kw'umut Lelum is an Indigenous agency rooted in Coast Salish snuw'uy'ulh that provides culturally-driven family support, caregiving services and community programs and services to nine First Nations on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Our organization operates as nutsalmaat shqwaluwun (people working together with one heart and one mind) guided by the teachings of our ancestors to promote emotional and physical health, parenting skills, cultural strength, and personal growth.

In this regard, our organization is very much in support of the proposed 35-unit supportive housing complex, and the undersigned has seen first-hand the excellent work that has been accomplished to date by SFN and BC Housing in the wider community.

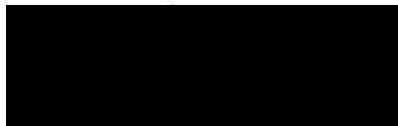
Some key reasons why this project has the support of the community:

- Holistic integrated approach to housing that addresses the increasingly complex needs of the community it serves.
- Inclusion of Snuneymuxw cultural knowledge for the betterment of all.
- Responds to the Nanaimo housing crisis and the needs of our community's most vulnerable.

Thank you for including our support in your considerations. We sincerely believe this project is going to be a positive addition to our neighborhood.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Bill Yoachim
Executive Director, Kw'umut Lelum



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Snuneymuxw First Nation

July 24, 2023

Re: 355 Nicol Street

Dear City of Nanaimo Mayor & Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to share more about the 355 Nicol St supportive housing project.

355 Nicol St is an example of how Snuneymuxw First Nation and BC Housing are working together, knowing that the built environment can promote a different way of being with the land and each other. We are honouring our unique gifts as organizations, to provide help.

355 Nicol St is a response to the increasingly complex needs of our community, taking a holistic approach to supporting some of our most vulnerable family and neighbours. More than a roof and walls, 355 Nicol sees housing as part of a larger knowledge and wellness system - a beacon of teachings and healing.

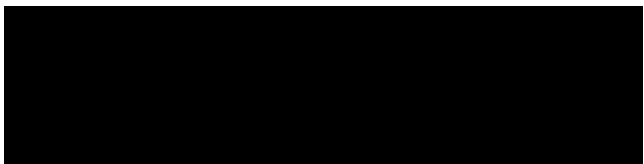
In addition to the typical supports provided in all supportive housing (24/7 staff presence, wellness checks, life skills training, employment assistance, and connection to other services), 355 Nicol Street will also offer integrated cultural supports, provided by Snuneymuxw First Nation, the operator. All residents of 355 Nicol sign a program agreement and pay rent.

We honour the land, while providing as many units as possible (35 studio units with 4 of the units being fully accessible).

355 Nicol St stands as a testament to the significance of honoring the land and creating a healing space that fosters wellbeing. Through thoughtful design, incorporation of natural elements, and a strong connection to the community, this building exemplifies the vision of a safe and welcoming space for all its residents.

The Snuneymuxw Treaty of 1854 is a key consideration to this project, respecting and recognizing the Snuneymuxw People in this way clears a path for shared success. We share this support letter in the context of advancing our Protocol Agreement with the City of Nanaimo.

We welcome you to walk alongside us and continue an ancient approach to housing in a modern context.



Chief Mike Wyse