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I am writing to express concerns regarding the reduction of parking and the reduction in set back from Foothills Boulevard for the property. In my opinion, neither of these variances should be permitted.

The City of Prince George needs to ensure that there is adequate parking for the tenants of the building. Suggestions that there is less parking required because of the intended use of the building are concerning. Those with mobility issues will often require assistance with daily tasks, which would require parking for carers and others who provide support. I am concerned that reducing the number of parking stalls available will prompt street parking to occur in the Elkhorn Crescent area as this new development is very close. An alternative scenario would be that people will attempt to park on Foothills Boulevard with inadequate building parking available. Individuals not being able to park on the property of 1177 Foothills, should they decide to park on Foothills Boulevard, even though this is a no parking zone, will be a hazard on that road, blocking the bicycle lane which would force cyclists into traffic. As can be seen around many apartments in the city, Council permitting the reduction of off street parking associated with multi-unit dwellings has forced many neighbourhoods to deal with residential on street parking. Snow clearing, street cleaning, and the reduction of road width due to on street parking have grave impacts on safety of road travel. Maintaining traffic patterns is very important and should not be ignored, especially on a major thoroughfare as Foothills Boulevard.

I do not believe that the City of Prince George should permit the reduction of setbacks from the grass boulevard in any way. The width of the setbacks should remain consistent on both sides of the road - as the developer knew when the initial proposal to build the structure was made. Setbacks are not just aesthetic, they also provide adequate space for safety and City crews to clear roadways.

City Counsel and Staff need to hold the developer to the plans that they provided for approval initially.

Thank you,
Wendee HOLTON