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Dear Mayor and City Council of Prince George,

As residents of this neighborhood, we are writing to oppose the Temporary Use Permit Application No. TU000086, Subject Property, 4321 Grouse Rd, Lot 3, District Lot 1597, Cariboo District, Plan 25922 submitted by MPI Magnolia Properties Inc. and Andrew Middleton.

There are a few reasons that we object to the approval of this application:

- 1) The publication of this notice of application was to start November 10, 2023 and to end November 20, 2023.. The first we heard of the application for the use of this property was through a community email November 15, 2023. We do not feel that ten days is a reasonable amount of time for the residents of this community to respond to this notice. There were no notification boards and we are unsure how many residents received personal notification. How the city is proceeding in this matter gives the impression of just trying to quietly pass this application through.
- 2) In the letter from Andrew Middleton, he says that he misunderstood the bylaws when purchasing this property. I don't believe that his misunderstanding should impact the community. Usually a person or company reads and clarifies such bylaws before purchasing. Imagine if we all misunderstood bylaws and expected cities and communities to let us do as we wish. Bylaws are there for a reason and if you want them changed, then there is community discussion as a starting point, not an after thought.
- 3) I worked 18 years in similar facilities and no matter the good intention of such a facility, in all reality it is not a 'residential or family home', but rather it is a business. I say this because there is not a permanent resident, there will be a rotation of 'residents', so the group is always changing as well as the number of staff, support workers, and visitors creates a very busy environment. Along with the increase of people accessing this facility comes an increase in traffic and noise that this area is not set up for.
- 4) There will be a larger than usual consumption of water and in turn, septic output, which I don't believe this area is equipped for. We have seen the results in the lower water table from drought the past couple of years and can only assume this will continue to be the case in the future. This year, due to lower water table, we changed how we use water to try to conserve. I'm not sure that a business/facility such as being applied for would conserve.
- 5) The application indicates that the use of the facility would be for up to 5 youth temporarily, (up to 3 years), but beyond that period of time, what would stop this company from changing it to an adult facility and for what kind of treatment. I believe this is the opening of doors to the unknown and would be harder to stop in the long run.

6) A safety concern we have is this facility is located at the end of a dead end road that has trails leading off from it into a large forested area. I wouldn't want to see any 'resident' or visitor wandering into this area and either become lost or using the area for unwanted activities.

I have worked with people with mental and physical health challenges and empathize with them but I don't believe that the house located at the end of Grouse Rd is a suitable place or location for this type of facility or business nor is it suitable for the community.

Regards,

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