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After a little research I find it rather disturbing that the City of Prince George would be considering this application at this point in time. Why would the administration even be considering allowing a facility to be placed in a residential neighborhood at the same time as the province is announcing the closing of a facility dealing with youth.

The announcement of the closing of the youth containment center would seem to be enough to table and hold off on this application until further investigation can take place. Renovations of the containment center would be the perfect fix, it's not in a residential area, already has the space and required equipment to furnish a kitchen, bathrooms, bedrooms, living areas, and most of all CITY services. The youth containment center is located on acreage as well as having various areas for recreation for the youth, all on location. This location also contains, health and wellness rooms, offices, and ample parking for all on location staff or visiting staff. This location has a couple gazebos, overnight cabins, as well as playing fields for soccer, softball etc.

As to why council would be considering a location in a residential neighborhood that has minimal water supply, a small barely adequate waste disposal system makes no sense. This Grouse road address is at the end of the road with only dirt construction. It lacks regular maintenance, is nowhere near a bus route. The parking situation at this location will only handle between 2-3 vehicles and is an uphill grade, lending to the idea of cars being parked on the street or the end of the road inhibiting snow removal. And let's face it a contractor will not be sitting there waiting for the snow to stop and at roughly 100-200 feet employees will not be shoveling the driveway.

Because this location is roughly 2 km from the closest bus stop I can see cars, bikes, quads being utilized in run for freedom by any of the youths who decide they want out. The closest shopping destination is at least 10-12 kms away so that negates the comment by the applicant that they wish to be close to services for the youth attending the facility. I find the comment by the applicant that he wants this location because of the fact that it is on acreage so the youth can go out and be kids and play as kids do !! I don't see too many kids in a facility such as this all happy and out playing, perhaps sitting in the house and playing video games will be more the normal. The nearest park is close to 3 kms from this house, and the park has nothing other than a picnic table and a little trail to walk around and end up back at the picnic table.

The Parents that live on Haldi road, Leslie road and the adjoining areas have to drive or carpool their children to any after school events and weekend events. Does this mean that this facility will have a small bus to take the children to functions and events in town. If so then that will take an easy 2 parking spots at the property.

In closing I don't want this to be a complete NIMBY letter, however placing this operation in a residential neighborhood when a facility such as the youth containment center coming available will be viewed as the council just taking a quick easy out. BUT remember if the waste disposal system is going to cease working, or the water supply becomes inadequate. This will put the CITY in the in liable position of having to spend the monies to extend water and sewer to the entire neighborhood. I can assure you this will be one move that will not be one that the local property taxes will be covering.

At this time I can only hope that in your good judgement you will see your way to vote to deny this application.
Thank you

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