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# Written Comments Submission Form

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### **Comments**

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TU000086 - (4321 Grouse Road) - Meeting Date: November 20, 2023

#### **Comments**

Hello

I am in full support of the proposed Maples MH Group Home in my neighbourhood. Our community's mental health services for children, youth and their families is overwhelmed with the significant need for assessments, therapy and therapeutic homes, which Maples would provide. As a Child Youth Mental Health therapist myself, we have seen an increase of need for MH services for children and youth since Covid. I find this population has more complicated and serious mental health issues. PG has limited child psychiatry and UHNBC's adolescent psychiatry ward isn't able to provide non-emergency/urgent assessment and support because it's also overwhelmed with need.

Having Maple's group home will serve not only PG but our northern neighbours who have even fewer resources. This home will decrease stress for families with children or youth needing Maples services because they won't have to travel

to the lower mainland. Not to mention the financial burden.

Looking forward to referring children and youth to the Maples Group Home, knowing they will get the quality care they desperately need!

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