Prince George & District Senior Citizens Activity Centre Society



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City of Prince George 1100 Patricia Blvd. Prince George, BC V2L 3V9

Attention: Mayor Lynn Hall

February 7, 2020

Re: Proposed space for the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

Dear Mr. Hall,

We have been informed the Ministry of Citizens' Services has entered into an agreement to purchase a building located at 490 Brunswick Street for the relocation of the MSDPR. Our senior citizens are concerned about the move.

As you can see from the attached petition, there are concerns about parking, foot traffic and safety. We are not against the people who require the services of the MSDPR, we are concerned about the congestion it will cause in the downtown core. Parking is the biggest concern as there is already issues of trying to find a parking space downtown.

The attached petition will show you how many people are concerned and there will be more signatures coming.

We recommend that the Ministries of Citizens' Services and the City of Prince George address our concerns and understand the move will cause issues for the downtown core and many businesses. There are plenty of others empty spaces for the MSDPR to move and many of the empty spaces have parking lots.

Sincerely,

Treena Wight Administrator For the PG & District Senior Citizens Activity Centre Society



Date: January 23, 2020

Treena White Manager Prince George & District Senior Citizens Activity Centre Society 425 Brunswick Street Prince George, BC V2L 2B7

Re: Letter of Operation - 490 Brunswick St. Prince George

Dear Treena White.

I'm writing to let you know that the Ministry of Citizens' Services has entered into an agreement to purchase a building located at 490 Brunswick St., Prince George. The proposed space is for the relocation of an existing Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (MSDPR) office within the City of Prince George, currently located at 1445 10th Ave. The services offered at the proposed location will be identical to those offered in the current location.

The MSDPR office will focus on providing British Columbians in need with a system of supports to help them achieve their social and economic potential. The space will function as a typical office and support the delivery of in-person services to clients. The office hours are Monday to Friday from 9am to noon and from 1pm to 4pm, excluding holidays.

The office currently experiences the majority of their in-person traffic during the monthly cheque issue period (generally during the third or fourth week of each month) with peak times typically on the Wednesday and Thursday of cheque issue week. However, in-person traffic has reduced in recent years with a significant number of clients accessing services online or over the telephone.

The Ministries of Citizens' Services and Social Development and Poverty Reduction would like to arrange a phone call to discuss any questions you may have sometime during the week of February 3rd.

Please contact Sanjay Uppal, Director Real Estate and Stakeholder Engagement at sanjay.uppal@gov.bc.ca by Tuesday, January 28th at 12:00 pm to advise if either of these days and times works for you:

- Thursday, February 6 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM
- Friday, February 7 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Following receipt of your selection, my office will confirm the meeting details by email.

Executive Director

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