

June 6, 2021 Our File: 32152

City of Prince George 1100 Patricia Boulevard Prince George BC V2L 3V9

Attention: Kali Holahan, Planner – Planning and Development Services

Re: Development Permit Rational - Submission

Subject Property: Lot 1, District Lot 2424/Lot2, District Lot 2424, Plan 33278

EDS Group Inc. (EDS) has been retained by KIDD Real Estate Holdings Ltd. to proceed with a Rezoning and OCP amendment application for the subject property identified above. Below is a general description of the proposed project, as well as a summary of the public engagement we have conducted to date.

Site Background

The subject property consists of two lots Lot 1 is 2.67 ha and Lot 2 is 4.03 ha in size and are located within the municipal boundaries of the City of Prince George and in the Hart District. The subject area is currently designated as Neighbourhood Residential Future Land Use in the City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No, 8383, 2021 (OCP). Currently Lot 1 is zoned as AR3m: Rural Residential and Lot 2 is zoned as RS1m: Suburban Residential in the City of Prince George Bylaw No. 7850, 2007. The subject area is presently vacant and generally cleared of all trees. The subject area is surrounded by a blend of residential zones including Rural Residential (AR3m), Single Residential (RS2m) and Multiple Residential (RT).

Description of Project – Design/Rezoning Rational

This property presents and ideal opportunity for infill development. The Landowner would like to redesignate the land use of the site from Neighbourhood: Residential to Neighbourhood: Corridor to facilitate the development of up to three apartment buildings on the subject property in a phased development approach. This would also trigger a rezoning of the area from AR3: Rural Residential and RS1: Suburban Residential to RM3: Multiple Residential.

One of the key outcomes of this project is to provide new attainable rental units within the Hart District of Prince George to address current lack of rental housing opportunities within this area of the City. We recognize the location of the site does not offer the typical surroundings of an apartment development, not being in a major corridor setting, though the unique placement of this project could be considered a pilot project for a new type of housing that partners higher density development within a park setting. As seen in the proposed site plan drawings, the density of development on this site is extremely low, having very generous park space surrounding the buildings and a very large portion of the site that will be filled with publicly accessible open space.

This development is proposed to be fully accessible, allowing for ageing in place and also providing safe, comfortable and accessible home options for people with limited mobility. At the



same time, the proposed housing product and site amenities are very suitable for all ages including young families with children. Some of the proposed design features to make the site and buildings 'accessible' include:

- proposed elevators for buildings, providing ease of access to the second and third floor of each building;
- parking areas immediately adjacent to buildings, having short distances between cars and homes. A priority will be developed for elderly residents to have parking closest to building entrances. Due to groundwater limitations, underground parking is not a feasible option for this development;
- high contrast paint, and glow in the dark paint used on nosing of stairs;
- handrails on both sides of all stairways;
- eliminating high pile carpeting for all interior areas of buildings;
- covered parking stalls in some areas of the site, allowing for weather protected vehicles to eliminate the need to clear snow from cars;
- providing an off-leash dog area within the property, eliminating the need for residents to travel outside their immediate home area to exercise their dogs;
- fully managed site with no maintenance obligations put onto residents;
- accessible recreational activities such as community gardening, walking trails and naturalized areas for nature watching; and
- proposed common areas within the buildings allowing for social gatherings amongst residents.

The proposed site amenities will encourage a strong sense of community for residents of the property and will also be accessible to all residents of Prince George.

The Landowner has significant experience in development projects in Prince George and is excited to bring this much-needed housing option to the community. The proposed buildings will be three storey with elevators and covered parking as to make the development attractive to the ageing population and/or residents with reduce mobility. Each building will have a maximum of 40 units each. The units will offer an average unit size of 1000 sq.ft with 60% being 1 bedroom and 40% being 2 bedroom units.

The proposed density target of 18 units/ha is well below the OCP plan density for a 3-4 storey apartment housing type at 75-135 units/ha which fall under the Residential: Corridor land use designation or the RM3 density targets of 60units/ha. The proposed site coverage of 10% is also below the RM3 allowable site coverage of 55%. The three proposed buildings are situated on the site strategically surrounded by park type amenities for all residents of Prince George to enjoy. Building placement also maximizes setback from adjacent properties as much as possible in order to reduce the visual impact of buildings on nearby homes. The significantly low site coverage and density will provide a large setback buffer from existing residences. The building placement and development of a common park setting will set this development apart from the typical apartment development. The Landowner hopes the new characteristics of this development will provide a new pleasant rental option for residents of the Hart and beyond.



Please contact us at your convenience if you would like to discuss this engagement process any further.

Best Regards,



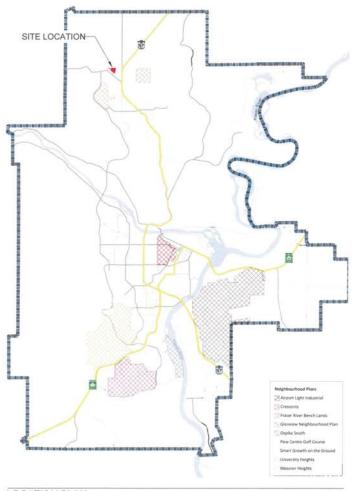
John Buchko, Principal EDS Group Inc. 780.271.1689

cc: Bruce Kidd, Kidd Real Estates Holdings Ltd.

Enclosure:

COPG Development Permit Checklist
Development Permit Application Form
Development Plan (A1 and 11x17)
Landscape Plan (A1 and 11x17)
Rendered Architectural drawings
Land Titles







LIST OF FIGURES

RZ 01: AERIAL PHOTO AND LOCATION MAP

RZ 02: EXISTING & PROPOSED OCP AMENDMENT

RZ 03: EXISTING & PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT

RZ 04: PROPOSED PHASING PLAN

LOCATION PLAN nuts

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B-6 FUTURE LAND USE - EXISTING

City of Prince George Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 8383, 2011

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B-6 FUTURE LAND USE - PROPOSED

Neighbourhood Residential to Neighbourhood Corridor

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OCP AMENDMENT STATISTICS

LEGAL: Lot 1, District Lot 2424, Cariboo District Plan 33278

PID: 012-008-974

CIVIC ADDRESS: 8700 Sparwood Rd

AREA: 2.67 ha (26766.6 m²)

EXISTING LAND USE: Neighbourhood Residential PROPOSED ZONING: Neighbourhood Corridor LEGAL: Lot 2, District Lot 2424, Cariboo District Plan 33278

PID: 012-009-008

CIVIC ADDRESS: 4922 Chief Lake Rd

AREA: 4.03 ha (40325.5 m²)

EXISTING LAND USE: Neighbourhood Residential PROPOSED ZONING: Neighbourhood Corridor



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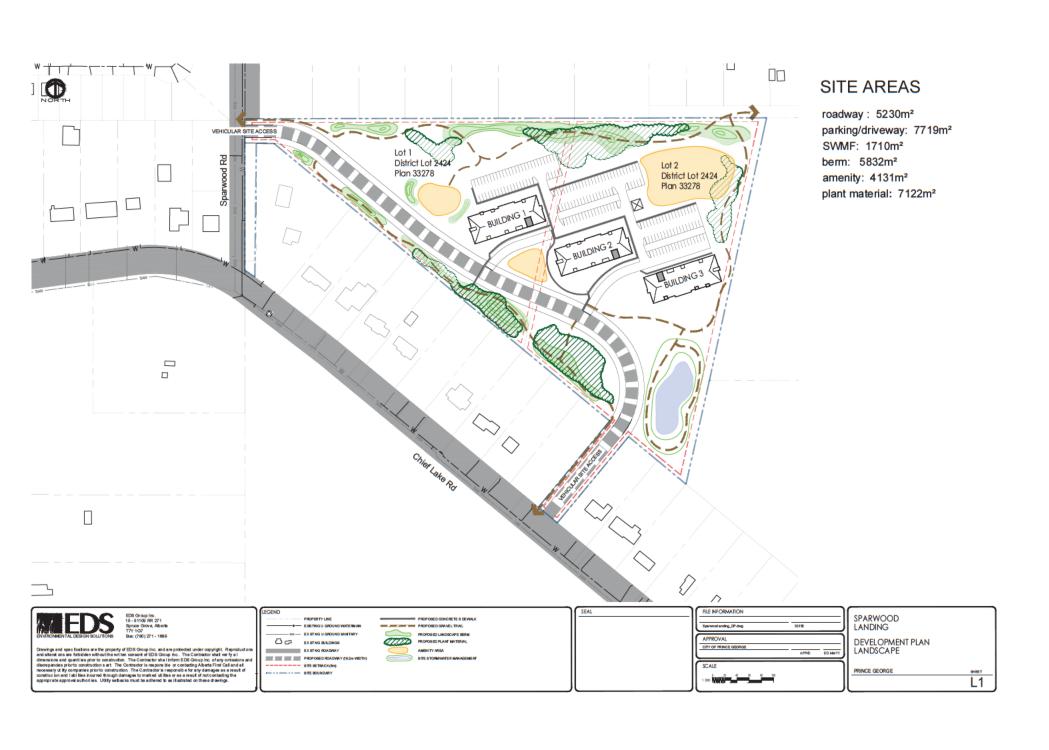
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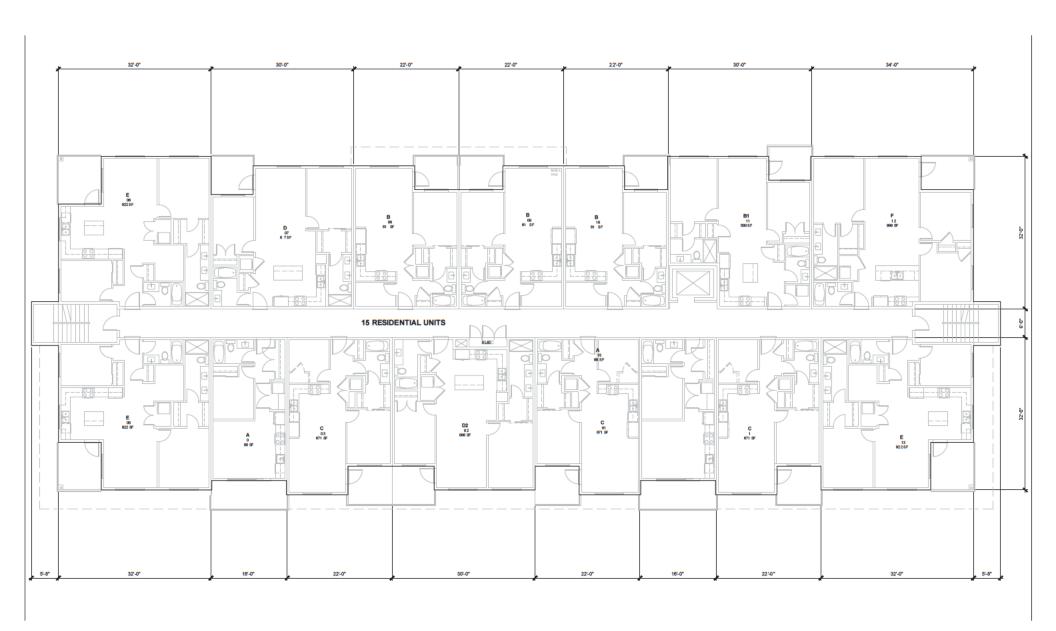
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Attention: Kali Holahan, Planner – Planning and Development Services

Re: Community Consultation Summary Report

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Community Consultation

On February 25 and 26, 2021 EDS facilitated a door-to-door hand delivery of a project package to homeowners that included approximately delivery to approximately 320 properties, mostly residential, surrounding the proposed site. A distribution map of the area is included in Appendix A. If residents were home, we engaged in conversation explaining the project. If residents were not home the package was left in mailboxes, placed on front steps or taped to the front door toensure residents would receive the package. A drop-off record of all deliveries is included in Appendix B. Due to current concerns with COVID-19 and public health orders regarding public gatherings, an open house session was not planned for this engagement program.

The project package included a letter explaining the project in detail with a proposed site plan at full build out and site amenities. More detailed images were enclosed with the letter in the form of a two-page brochure-style project summary, that included:

- overall site rendering showing the general character of the property at full build-out;
- site phasing plan, demonstrating three phases of development that will be completed as market conditions allow;
- architectural renderings of the proposed building structures; and
- an overall site rendering that shows various proposed site amenities, such as trails, a skating rink, fenced off-leash dog park, frisbee golf, community gardens amongst others.

The full project package can be found in Appendix C.

The following summarizes the verbal discussions between our team handing out packages and the various property owners that we met with:

- The Hart District is lacking rental apartment unit product. Several seniors we spoke
 with felt that they love this District however the only available housing option is single
 family homes which are a challenge to maintain and live in as they age;
- Chief Lake Road is a very busy corridor and does not include sidewalks. Having on-site
 walking trails is a great feature as it reduces the temptation of apartment residents to
 walk along Chief Lake Road;
- The Hart seems to get a lot more snow than other areas of Prince George. It would be
 great if some of the parking stalls were covered in order to reduce the need for snow
 clearing off cars;



- The site is tucked away from homes. With the proposed berming, screen planting and the large setbacks between existing homes the new buildings will not be overly obvious;
- Numerous residents preferred that the site stay treed and not be cleared or developed
 as there seems to be wildlife in the area (ie. two moose that often walk through the
 site). Several individuals were surprised that the land was privately owned and thought
 it was public or an environmental reserve area; and
- There was an overall appreciation that notices were hand delivered and had the
 personal touch of someone to answer questions right away. During the course of the
 two days to drop off notices, no significant concerns were raised while visiting
 neighbours.

On the evening of February 25th, 2021, EDS received a telephone call from a resident who did not provide his name. This individual was a resident along Chief Lake Road, and his property backs onto this project site. The individual was quite adamant that Chief Lake Road does not have the capacity to accept more traffic and is not a safe environment for pedestrians. This individual suggested that he would be initiating a petition to include all of his neighbours to speak against the project for these two reasons. He was given information on the application process and his ability to provide a letter either to EDS as part of this engagement process, or directly to the City of Prince George.

EDS gave all residents an opportunity to provide feedback either by mailing, emailing, or contacting EDS directly by phone or video conference. All responses of support or concern were to be delivered by March 15, 2021. This gave the residents ample time to provide constructive feedback. Appendix D includes the eleven written submissions that were received by EDS, and they have been packaged in the order which they were received. All individuals were provided a response advising that their submission would be passed on to the City of Prince George as part of the formal application process.

Please contact us at your convenience if you would like to discuss this engagement process any further.

Best Regards,

John Buchko, Principal EDS Group Inc.

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Appendix A

Distribution Map of project package delivery



Appendix B

Delivery drop-off record of project package



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Appendix C

Complete project package delivered to local residents



February 25, 2021 Our File: 32152

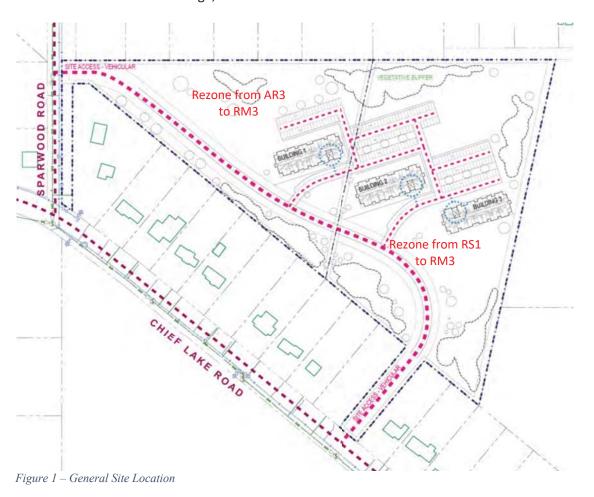
Attention: Neighbours of Lot 1, District Lot 2424, Cariboo District. Plan 33278

General Area of Sparwood Road @ Chief Lake Road – Prince George, BC

Re: Re-Zoning Application, Public Engagement Process & Site Development

Dear Homeowners, Property Owners & Occupants:

On behalf of Kidd Real Estates Holdings Ltd. (the Landowner), EDS Group Inc. would like to thank you for your time and consideration as we reach out to area residents, property owners and occupants as part of a re-zoning application for the above noted parcel of land. The Landowner would like to re-zone the subject property from AR3: Rural Residential and RS1: Suburban Residential to RM3: Multiple Residential to facilitate the development of up to three apartment buildings on the subject property, in a phased development approach. Figure 1 below identifies the location of the subject parcel, located nearby the intersection of Sparwood Road and Chief Lake Road in Prince George, BC.



ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN SOLUTIONS



More detailed images have been attached to this letter in the form of a two-page brochure-style project summary, that includes:

- overall site rendering showing the general character of the property at full build-out;
- site phasing plan, demonstrating three phases of development that will be completed as market conditions allow;
- architectural renderings of the proposed building structures; and
- an overall site rendering that shows various proposed site amenities, such as trails, a skating rink, fenced off-leash dog park, frisbee golf, community gardens amongst others.

This development is proposed to be fully accessible, allowing for ageing in place and providing safe, comfortable and accessible home options for people with limited mobility. The proposed site amenities will encourage a strong sense of community for residents of the property and will also be accessible to all residents of Prince George. The Landowner has significant experience in development projects in Prince George and is excited to bring this much-needed housing option to your community.

We encourage all recipients of this letter to provide letters of support or concern, to be delivered to EDS Group Inc. by Monday, March 15th, 2021.

Your responses may be sent by letter mail at:

EDS Group Inc. 15, 51109 RR 271 Spruce Grove, Alberta T7Y 1G7

or by email at:

info@edsgroup.ca

Subject Line: Sparwood Landing

Should you wish to discuss this application in more detail, please contact John Buchko, Community Planner with EDS Group Inc., at 780.271.1689. We are pleased to offer you an opportunity to meet over the phone, or online through video conferencing. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and protocols we are not conducting live meetings at this time.

We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Best Regards,

John Buchko, Principal EDS Group Inc. 780.271.1689 FOR MORE PROJECT INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT BRUCE KIDD AT:

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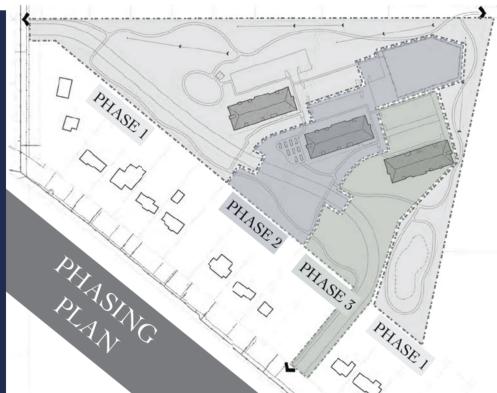
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- WILDLIFE-ATTRACTING POND
- 4 FRISBEE-GOLF HOLES
- OFF-LEASH DOG PARK
- COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS
- BERMS & PLANTING TO SCREEN NEIGHBOURS
- ALL SITE LIGHTS DIRECTED AWAY FROM NEIGHBOURS



SUBMISSIONS OF FEEDBACK PLEASE CONTACT EDS GROUP INC. AT:

Appendix D

Local resident feedback of support and concerns

Subject: Really like to see this development on the Hart

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 8:22:02 AM Mountain Standard Time

From: Michael Bruneau
To: EDS Group Inc
CC: Bruce Kidd

I grew up on he Hart, moved away 30 years ago and moved back to PG. Hoped to live on the Hart but living downtown due to lack of rental units available. Now that I have the means to purchase I'm moving back to the Hart. This development would be great for the Hart community.

Mike Bruneau

Date: Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 11:11:00 PM Mountain Standard Time

From: Denise Dykes

To: EDS Group Inc, Mark Knoedler,

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing this email in support of Sparwood Landing and in support of the Kidd Real Estate Group.

Bruce and his crew have a reputation of building a beautiful home, so naturally Sparwood Landing would be beautiful apartment buildings. There is a strong demand for rental units in the hart and for those that have made that area of Prince George their community, they want to stay there. As our building values appreciate rapidly, more and more buyers are being squeezed out of the market, in turn having them need places to rent.

My opinion of this project is based on all of the others being built throughout the city and that is, that it would serve Prince George well. It would be attractive to empty nesters and those that want only the hart highway to call home. Apartment occupancy in Prince George is high, the need is everywhere, and it would be just as high at Spartwood Landings.

Thank for taki	ng the	time to	read	my	email,
Denise Dykes					

Date: Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 6:40:00 PM Mountain Standard Time

From: Foji Dhansaw
To: EDS Group Inc
Attachments: image003.jpg

Hello

To whom it may concern

I would like to throw 100% support behind this project in prince George BC The area of the hart is up and coming and I feel is ready for a upscale complex like the Kidd group is proposing

I would be happy to discuss this with anyone .

Good luck to all

Foji Dhansaw

Date: Friday, February 26, 2021 at 10:13:25 AM Mountain Standard Time

From: Kathleen Denis

To:

CC: EDS Group Inc

Good morning,

I was thrilled to get the brochure yesterday! There is nothing up the Hart like this, and it is a welcome site. I am nearing retirement age with a home in the nearby area, I love this area and love my home, so I was wondering what my options could be when I retired. My home 2400 square feet and on 2.5 acreas – too much for me!

Sparwood Landing seems perfect for me, EXCEPT, you have offered no covered parking!! As Kidd knows, building houses in the immediate area over the last couple of years – it snows a lot more here than in the downtown or even College Heights area. Your design should reflect that, I honestly don't even see plug ins? You are marketing it as "Authentically Prince George" well it is cold and snowy in Prince George, and worse out the Hart. I cant imagine at my retirement age going out to a parking lot, sweeping off my car, letting it warm up before I can an errand. This needs to be addressed in the "allowing for ageing on site" aspect of your marketing PLEASE incorporate covered parking and plug in's into your design – and it will be a flawless place for me, and others, to buy into!

Kind regards ~ Kathleen



Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 1:22:29 PM Mountain Standard Time

From: Bruce Kidd **To:** John Buchko

Here's another letter of support

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Brian Steinhauser

Date: February 24, 2021 at 12:19:55 PM PST

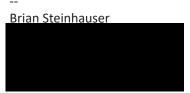
To: Bruce Kidd

Subject: Sparwood Landing

Hi Bruce,

I just wanted to address your proposed development.

I firmly believe that this project is needed for the Hart and Prince George as a whole, we are seeing a major shortage in housing across the board with the Hart being one of the more desired areas on the market. I believe the increase in diversity of options available in the Hart will be a great step forward as well. In my professional opinion we need to start seeing developments of this scale to offer affordable quality housing for buyers to have options and encourage growth in our community. As I live in the area (8263 Peter Rd, Prince George, BC, V2K 0B2) I see this as a step in the right direction to help develop in and around my neighborhood and am excited to see this project as it progresses.



Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 2:46:13 PM Mountain Standard Time

From: JANET THOMPSON

To: EDS Group Inc

To whom it .may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Sparwood Landing

Four years ago I was in the position of having to find suitable accommodation having sold my house because of health issues. As my family live in the Hart area, and, being a widow in my seventies, that was my preferred location for a new residence.

I soon came to realize that the selection of apartments was extremely limited, not only was there no choice, but those focused on the special requirements of seniors were rare and in great demand resulting in long waiting lists. The idea that a new complex is proposed with each unit including wide doorways, a dishwasher, washer/dryer in unit, air conditioning and an electric fireplace, together with a balcony or patio is very appealing. The provision of an elevator is welcome.

Much thought seems to have gone into planning the exterior communal grounds. To have access to nature trails, garden plots and possibility for activities is exciting at any age.

I still drive and rarely use transit so would greatly appreciate access to covered parking if possible.

I look forward to completion.

Yours truly,

Janet Thompson

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 8:17:17 AM Mountain Standard Time

From: leon and fay mosure

To: EDS Group Inc

Attachments: We are not in favour of these apartments.docx

Please find attached letter of our concerns.

Further our area has wildlife that frequently travels through here as in moose same families each year etc. I really feel that Bruce Kidd is not taking into consideration of families in area.

These families have resigned here for many years.

A lot of homes along Chief Lake are 5 acre lots so while would we want three apartment complex in our backyard.

Thanks Leon and Fay Mosure

Sent from Mail for Windows 10m

We are not in favour of these apartments. They will take away from the beautiful skyline that we enjoy.

The area is rural living. The residence that reside here will have increase traffic and noise. The extra traffic will put the children that have to walk to school at even further risks because of the congestion. Most of the traffic from here is going to be routed along Greenwood St. This will created excess noise through neighbourhood. The apartments will not bring beautician to the area. There is no bus service and we do get more snow than at the nearest shopping mall. Single family dwelling is permitted in area and the rural setting we enjoy. We are long time residence in area. We are not and have not been in favour of the Landowners lack of consideration for area. We do not feel that these apartments will be an access to this area.

The apartment will not be suitable for young families as they would require bussing and or being drove to school.

We will have increase noise and from snow removal. Increase traffic will take away from a lot of the leisure walks that families now enjoy currently.

Thanks for your time

Leon and Fay Mosure

Subject: Sparwood Landing Concerns

Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 5:51:13 PM Mountain Standard Time

From: Kerry Nicolas

To: EDS Group Inc

Attachments: image002.jpg

We purchased our home because it rural residential and absolutely do not want it to be rezoned to a Multiple residential zone.

We enjoy rural living and the wildlife as well.

Since the greenbelt has been taken down I can see that people are already cutting through our properties.

We do not want our taxes going up.

We do not want **numerous** people living directly behind us.

We do not support an off leash dog park and we are concerned about listening to dogs barking.

We do not want walking trails/high traffic behind our property.

We do not support a public skating rink/shinny rink, nor the fact that it will be accessible to all residents of Prince George.

We do not feel there is a need for that many rentals in the Hart Highway location. We do not feel the demand is there and certainly don't feel that a multi residential area is needed.

We do not believe 3 story buildings are a great option for aging people.

We do not feel that berms and planting will screen 3 story apartment buildings/condos or offer us privacy.

Once again, we reside in this neighborhood (on Greenwood Street directly behind the proposed area!) and we do not support rezoning the Sparwood/Chief Lake Rd. area!

Concerned resident Kind regards,

During this COVID-19 pandemic, the safety and well-being of our dedicated employees, loyal clients, valued partners and communities remain our number one priority.

We have re-opened our doors to walk-in traffic in compliance with the safety guidelines and protocols as set out by our Federal/Provincial Government and Health Canada. We continue to offer our services via phone and email. Thank you in advance for your patience, support and understanding where you may experience longer wait times.



Date: Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 4:31:07 PM Mountain Standard Time

From: Bruce Kidd **To:** John Buchko

CC: Kathy Kidd, Nic Kidd

John

I had a phone call from Mr Olesen

He feels that this proposal with the three apartment buildings provided more green space for all neighbours. He likes the berm and trail space and the many amenities proposed in the promotional material.

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Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 6:23:08 PM Mountain Daylight Time

From: Karen Stuart

To: EDS Group Inc

beautiful privacy trees and cleared the land.....so our backyard view can overlook apartment buildings??? WTF!!

Your wonderful proposals for that land are hilarious ... a wildlife pond now that you've forced all the wildlife away....all THAT will attract is mosquitoes. Oh, and the "accessible home options" for people with limited mobility do they know that they are a 1/2 hour drive to the closest medical clinic/doctor//hospital???

Then there's the hundreds of "general public" people you are trying to attract....I see this project as an increase in traffic/ noise/pets/CRIME...the people who live here right now chose to live here for a reason...to avoid the congestion in the city.

Last note: the landowner has built a few houses....poor, cheap quality which he sells/rents for extravagant prices. That's kin scary! He needs to gain a lot more "experience" before tackling a project like this. He is only doing this for profit, unfortunately at our expense

Final response:we are AGAINST this project

Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 4:25:16 PM Mountain Daylight Time

From: Bowler, Rebecca

To: EDS Group Inc

Attachments: Mar 14, 2021 Letter of concern re Sparwood Landing.docx

To whom it may concern

Please see the attached letter expressing my concern and general objection to the proposed development of high density housing in the general area of Sparwood Road. I would appreciate notification of your receipt of this letter.

Thank you

Rebecca Bowler



Re: Re-zoning application for Lot 1, District Lot 2424, Cariboo District. Plan 33278

General area of Sparwood Road @ Chief Lake Road

Dear EDS

I am writing this letter to express my concern about the new proposed development for 'Sparwood Landing' by Kidd Real Estates Holdings and the application to rezone the area from what is essentially rural lands to facilitate high density housing.

In recent years, the entire upper Hart Highway area has seen an extensive increase in housing and subsequent populations, and all that entails regarding traffic flow, local amenities, infrastructure requirements, as well as reduction of green spaces, wildlife corridors and natural wetland features. Currently there is no official neighbourhood plan for the areas west of Hwy 97 on Chief Lake and connecting roads, yet development continues unabated and local residents keep losing out on what made the 'rural' area desirable in the first place.

My first concern of adding high density housing that would link to Chief Lake Rd is the certainty that traffic would become even more dangerous, busy and noisy than it already is. Despite being a residential area, Chief Lake Rd is essentially a highway for both outlying communities (e.g. Ness Lake, Nukko Lake, etc.) as well as all the excessive industry that unfortunately has been permitted to flow through the area. The speed limit is usually ignored, especially on the straight stretch right in front of my house just a small distance from Highway 97. Having yet another connector road between Peter and Sparwood Road just adds another risk factor for both residents and commuters heading further west, particularly as Chief Lake Rd is still only single (and narrow) laned. Additionally, for all the kids who go to school at Kelly Road and Heather Park, they basically can't walk without risk of getting hit by cars as there is NO SIDEWALK on Chief Lake Rd. The same issue forces people to drive to other locations to get exercise, as heading from a home to go for a jog or a bike ride holds the same risk. The shoulder is minimal and only soft gravel so even when vehicles pull over for whatever reason, they can't fully get off the road and therefore traffic gets jammed up and extremely dangerous. As a connector road, we additionally do not get our driveways cleaned out after snow plows go by, so when stuck trying to get out (or even in) of driveways in bad snow days, additional traffic makes it all the more difficult and risky.

The extra traffic now coming from the Woodland neighbourhood that funnels through the Chief Lake and Foothills intersection is already straining the intersection, and yet no traffic light has been installed to reduce potential accidents there. A new high-density housing development would put further risk at that intersection, and increased traffic from Hwy 97 turning onto Chief Lake Rd makes heading north from Chief Lake Rd extremely challenging currently with no traffic light (currently the double lane on Hwy 97 merges to a single lane right at the intersection just noted, adding to risk and has had serious collisions in recent years, especially as people think 100 km/hr in a 70 km/hr zone is appropriate.

Traffic in the area is clearly already extremely problematic, and that is only one of the problems with all the increased development, often by your client, in our area. Other challenges are associated with local amenities – our Save-On foods has been observed by my household and other area residents as not

being able to retain enough supplies for our growing community. It is frustrating to think I'd have to travel an extra 20 mins to find the groceries I need. The gas-station/convenience store, also owned by your client, is a constant source of garbage in our ditches, noise from industrial vehicles (i.e. logging trucks idling for long periods). Other construction sites off Peter and Sabyam Roads have also been sources of garbage and noise from construction for years. Complaints were put to the City of Prince George to enforce the use of garbage bins to contain Styrofoam that kept blowing away. I don't expect better practices with the proposed new development.

I am also highly concerned about the loss of greenspace in the area, both for my own personal enjoyment as well as the local wildlife. It is heartbreaking to constantly see development encroaching on quality habitat, forcing animals into smaller and smaller areas if not extirpating them from the area entirely. In the case of moose, the risk to them is primarily from vehicle collisions. For bears, human-animal interactions sadly typically end in dead bears. Add more humans and less habitat, and the potential is there for a lot more garbage as an attractant and a lot more wildlife encounters that are not likely to end well.

Unfortunately, the land in question is legally owned and has already been cleared of trees. So while I am not fond of your client's takeover of the Hart, for this particular re-zoning application, my objections have to focus on the danger of the increased traffic and likelihood of other population-related problems such as wildlife interactions and lack of improvement to infrastructure (e.g. traffic lights, sidewalks). At the very best, I would hope this property is maintained at the current lower-density rural and suburban zones so that single family homes would minimize the total population increase in our area. I'm tired of all the people and traffic and noise and would like to enjoy the forested surroundings for a few more years.

Sincerely,

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