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Ministers Chen and Beare,

Re: Metro Vancouver Housing Corporation (MVHC)
Affordable Housing - Expression of Interest
Potential Collaboration with the Province (Day Care)

Late last year, Metro Vancouver approved \$4m each year over the next 10 years to provide new MVHC infrastructure throughout the region. From Feb. – April 3rd, 2020, the MVHC launched an expression of interest to local governments for those interested in partnering with Metro Vancouver in their program focussed on affordable housing needs for seniors, those with disabilities and families. Under the program, local governments typically provide land at a nominal lease rate or fee simple transfer to MV.

I am happy to say that on February 25th, 2020, our City Council voted 7-0 to apply to MVHC and that we had identified a vacant piece of city property adjacent to our recreation centre, near city hall and beside the seniors centre, Wesbrooke seniors living complex and Pitt Meadows Elementary. This property has a high walkability score, close to services and transit, and lies at the heart of Pitt Meadows.

One of the “key considerations” for MVHC selecting suitable sites is “regional equity” and given that PM does not currently have a MVHC complex, coupled with a significant need and great location, we feel we have a strong business case for being short-listed.

Last year, our City was provided a \$25,000 grant from the Province to undertake a daycare study to establish our current inventory of spaces as well, identify wait lists and demands within the community. The report is expected to be completed within the next month. Having spoken with 3 daycares located within city facilities, each of them have indicated that they have long wait lists for daycare services.

We appreciate the fact that there are no guarantees of being selected for either MVHC nor the Provincial Daycare capital funding program. However last week, our Council also unanimously approved a motion reflecting our desire to explore with MVHC and the Province an expanded partnership and we believe adding “daycare space” to this amazing affordable housing project would significantly enhance the experience and quality of life of those in the complex and for our community. MVHC has indicated their desire to collaborate with the Province in projects such as these to maximize service delivery and the return on investment. Regardless if Pitt Meadows is selected by MVHC, it is our intention to also apply to the Province in support of additional daycare space within our community. However, our strong preference is to construct a combined affordable housing and daycare building.

Yours Truly,



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