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YOUR WORSHIP, MAYOR TAYLOR, AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, I/WE ARE HERE THIS EVENING ON BEHALF OF:

Concerned Citizens within the Community of Grand Forks and a petition.

TO REQUEST THAT YOU CONSIDER:

Voting against the proposed Parking Bylaw Infringement that BCH has requested for their property on 2nd and Central.

THE REASONS THAT I/WE ARE REQUESTING THIS ACTION ARE:

As concerned citizens of Grand Forks we are opposed to the proposed 2nd Street Housing Project. We respectfully ask you to reject this Housing Project. Not because we are anti-housing for the homeless or those that have fallen on hard times, but because we are enthusiastic supporters of a smart planned housing development for those in need.

Our most compelling reasons include and are not limited to:

The Current Proposal and Site:

1. Does not comply with the current Parking Bylaw.
2. Is in the wrong location at the entrance to our City
3. Is being recommended as a "Wet" facility which is not appropriate if we are helping people to recover.
4. The size is larger than the required needs of Grand Forks.
5. Housing addicts with recovering addicts, seniors and elderly is not only unacceptable, it doesn't work. How can children be brought to safely visit their grandparents in a place filled with addicts?
6. It is an inappropriate use of large scale development in an area of instability. The downtown business core has not recovered from last year's devastating flood, and yet the proposed project seeks significant change, contrary to the City of Grand Forks Planning and Development Criteria. The downtown business core will bear the negative impact of this project and currently are against the location, not the project itself
7. With no additional medical resources to support the increase of addicts that will fill this building; means our City and Community will suffer Lack of Policing, Bylaws and clean up crews, not to mention the devastating environmental impact on our rivers, tourism, businesses and more.
8. This proposal lacks the support of the tax payers. While the property owner and developer claim to have held meetings to gather feedback from the community, in reality they did nothing more than tell the community what they were going to do. They did not engage in dialogue or consider or address the concerns of the downtown business community or the rest of the community whose tax dollars will end up funding this either directly or indirectly. There has been zero transparency, and zero dialogue with concerned citizens.
9. It is inconsistent with Public Health, Safety, and General Welfare.
10. It also has insufficient road infrastructure; nearby intersections simply cannot handle the dramatic increase in traffic in an already heavily congested area, which will lead to more accidents, injuries, and fatalities.
11. BCH does not deal with additional resources that will be required which means they will fall on the Community
12. It negatively impacts our green spaces, nature walks, beaches, parks, and downtown restaurants, cafes and shops.
13. The proposal has No "operator". How does anyone make an informed decision without knowing who's going to be running the place?

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14. Building in a known Flood Zone with no flood mitigation to date seems a poor decision at best Who picks up the costs later if another devastating flood occurs?

I/WE BELIEVE THAT IN APPROVING OUR REQUEST THE COMMUNITY WILL BENEFIT BY:

We believe that in approving our request the community will benefit by:

1. Having more time to consider what's best for the Community of Grand Forks.
2. To have the time for Town Meetings or discussions with the Community about their concerns, fears, and visions of how our Community should grow.
3. To consider the type of Housing that Grand Forks really needs... it appears to need more housing for seniors than for homeless or addicts.
4. To investigate how to get the types of support from Interior Health, Mental Health, BC Resources and other organizations to be able to support the number of addicts that will end up in our Community (based on the current proposal).
5. To make sure that Interior Health will fund our Paramedic Teams to the level that may be required(based on the current proposal).
6. To make arrangements with RCMP for proper levels of Policing once a housing project like this is active. (based on the current proposal).

I/WE BELIEVE THAT BY NOT APPROVING OUR REQUEST THE RESULT WILL BE:

We believe that by not approving our request the result will be:

A disaster that will cause a greater rift throughout our small Community than we currently have. We are supposed to be living in a democracy. That means we have the right to have a say in the decisions that affect us. We currently have a huge split within the City and people are quite passionate about their stand. We need to come together as a Community and make the hard decisions that will help Grand Forks move forward and be better. If we are truly thinking of what is best for our City and Community, there is no reason at all why we can't stop this process and take the time to plan something much better than what is being proposed.

IN CONCLUSION, I/WE REQUEST THAT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS ADOPT A RESOLUTION STATING:

In conclusion, we request that Council for the City of Grand Forks vote down the request for a change in the Parking Bylaw by BCH for the proposed 2nd Street Housing, and that Council for the City of Grand Forks work towards a plan that will be better for our City.

Completed Petition and Signatures will be on hand.

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