

# BOUNDARY FAMILY SERVICES SOCIETY

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City of Grand Forks  
7217 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Attn: Mayor and Council



Good afternoon.

I am writing with the express intention of opening dialogue about the possible options for the use of the four lots located on 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue adjacent to the BC Housing affordable housing development.

Boundary Family Services is the designated agency of record to move forward operating the affordable housing development in partnership with BC Housing. It has become apparent that the current site design has some inherent flaws, and opportunities for a better intentioned use of the space would be possible with the inclusion of the above mentioned lots on the north end that are currently owned by the City of Grand Forks.

Current design has the sole entry and exit through the Women's Transition House parking lot, operated by the Boundary Women's Coalition. It is felt that this may not only inconvenience the residents of both facilities, it also reduces emergency entrance and egress to the most westerly positioned units. The constant unmonitored traffic through the parking lot poses not only a potential risk to those residents seeking to find safety from domestic abuse, but also to the younger and older residents that would be entering and exiting the spaces via this route as well.

The opportunity for an expanded entrance via 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue will not only reduce the risk for the housing complex and the stress upon the residents of the Transition House, it will also provide expanded greenspace and the ability to have a larger space for community inclusion for those residents of the 19<sup>th</sup> Street development.

My thanks to Mayor and Council for taking the time to consider this proposal.

Respectfully,

  
Darren Pratt  
Executive Director



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Services Society  
re Four Lots on 70<sup>th</sup> Ave.*