## **Rhonda West**

From: Barb Puddifant

**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2023 8:02 AM

To: Rhonda West

Subject: FW: [External] Development Variance Permit No. VP-571

From: Jeanette Clement

Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2023 10:51 PM

To: Barb Puddifant <bpuddifant@salmonarm.ca>

Subject: [External] Development Variance Permit No. VP-571

## Dear Mayor and Council.

I am writing in regard to the request by Muto Holdings Ltd to waive a number of requirements in connection to the proposed subdivision at 130 Shuswap St SE. I don't live in the area but I work at one of the churches near this location that received the hearing documents.

I believe the request to waive the requirement to install street lighting should be rejected. This area is frequented by a lot of homeless people, many of whom suffer from substance abuse. No one wants to vilify the less fortunate, but the fact remains that our church has dealt with a lot of vandalism and for this reason, has spent a small fortune on window replacement, external lighting, and fencing. Street lighting will provide peace of mind and personal safety to future subdivision residents.

The requirement to install underground hydro and telecommunications is also important. There are many good reasons for this listed in the Staff Recommendations, and I'd like to add one more. I believe the fire of 1998 resulted in a lot of these being hastily buried. Our forest fire situation hasn't improved in the years since. It seems to me that underground installation now would be more convenient and cost effective than sometime after this subdivision has been built.

All of these requirements were put in place for a reason, and I see a number of them being for future residential safety. I hope you will reject the requests to waive them.

Thank you,

Jeanette Clement