

Dear Mayor & City of Salmon Arm Council

Letter regarding the first reading of rezoning the civic address of #560, #580, &# 610 Shuswap Street SE from single family dwelling and bare land to multi-family residential development.

We (Shuswap Day Care Society) received the Notice of first reading regarding the above noted properties and would like to express a concern as unfortunately myself or a representative from our Board will not be able to attend your scheduled daytime meeting On Monday January 27th at 2:30pm.

We are excited that there will be some changes and upgrades to the neighboring properties as we have had many issues in the past with the properties not being cared for, homeless people illegally living in the house and shed that since has been demolished, and often unauthorized people hanging out in the lots doing illegal drugs, cursing etc which is not the environment our children attending the daycare should be exposed to.

Our concern of the rezoning is the expected increase in traffic to our area and parking. Already the 4 ways stop at times can cause back up in all directions. People continue to slow and go opposed to coming to a complete stop, we have witnessed many near hits of both pedestrians and vehicles. The extended curbs that were installed this past spring have also caused issues with many vehicles hitting it or driving over it as they try to manipulate the right hand turn off of 5th street.

5th street has become extremely busy especially during the months Shipmaker Hill is closed. Vehicles travel past our daycare at excessive speeds and the traffic flow during certain times of the day is solid making it difficult to exit out of the parking lot. We have submitted a letter to request the city install a lighted crosswalk area by the entrance of our daycare, 5th AVE Seniors and Mt Ida Mews as rarely vehicles stop for pedestrians wanting to cross, it is a very dark area with cars parking on the side of the road accessing the seniors center making it difficult to even see someone waiting. This crosswalk area is used by employees of both the daycare and Mt Ida mews, seniors, visitors, families, children and the local residents.

I am unsure how many units the developer is considering but the concern is the increase of traffic, parking for all the vehicles of residents and visitors, safe crosswalk areas for the children and families who will be living there as well as the already existing residents in this area. I hope a study would be done prior to approving the readings to see the impact of such development and the solution to make the streets safe for all.

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