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District of Barriere Mayor & Council

Box 219, Barriere BC

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Dear Mayor Stamer and Council,

After a recent telephone conversation with Mayor Stamer regarding affordable housing in Barriere, here is some information on the Society's housing:

- The Society was incorporated in 1978, and the original wing was built at that time. The independent wing includes 12 suites (4 one bedroom and 8 bachelor units) These units do not have services attached but the tenants can access community services such as home care, community nursing and meals through the medical centre.
- In 2007 the Assisted Living wing opened. There are 10 one bedroom suites for tenants with medical needs that meet the assisted living criteria. These tenants must be able to make their own decisions and have the physical ability to keep themselves safe (know what to do in the case of fire, not a wandering risk, not needing higher levels of care than what assisted living provides)

The site is generally fully occupied, but over the last few years there have been a number of hard to fill vacancies in the AL wing. Interior Health completes the tenant assessments to determine eligibility for Assisted Living, the Society has no control over the waiting list. For significant periods of time there were no tenants to be matched to the Barriere site on the list, leaving suites open for a number of months. For this reason the Society is not at the point of building the 2 possible additional suites that could be accommodated on this property.

The independent wing has a long wait list, up to 2 or 3 years as there is very little tenant turnover. Many potential tenants are not interested in bachelor suites (no separate bedroom) so the list for the 4 one bedroom units is daunting.

The Society absolutely agrees that there is a need for affordable senior's housing in the community, especially 1 bedroom units which is the norm now. There is no room on our

property for expansion. The Yellowhead Board would be supportive of any community initiatives but at this time but is not inclined to take on another major housing project.

We would like to see the community develop a Community Housing Society that could work with the District to build affordable housing for all demographics as the seniors are not the only underserved population in the community.

If the District would like to discuss housing further, our board meetings are now the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 11:00 AM. I have included an application to attend a board meeting if there is interest.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pam Simpson", written in a cursive style.

Pam Simpson

Administrator



YELLOWHEAD PIONEER RESIDENCE

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Application to address Yellowhead Pioneer Residence Society Board

Anyone wishing to be placed on an agenda to address the Board of Yellowhead Pioneer Residence Society may apply by delivering (or emailing) a request the week prior to the meeting. Delegations will be contacted to confirm when/if scheduled at the next meeting or referred to a future meeting. Board meetings are generally held the 2nd Wednesday of the month but are subject to change. Meetings are held in the common room of Yellowhead Pioneer Residence, 4557 Barriere Town Road, Barriere BC.

Date:

Name of Applicant:

On behalf of:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Issue Applicant wishes Addressed:

Applicant's Relevant Information:

(provide attachment if necessary)

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Scheduled for Board meeting date: _____