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**Honourable David Eby**

Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing  
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*via email: AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca*

**RE: 3240 Skaha Lake Road Supportive Housing Project's Public Engagement Process**

Dear Minister Eby:

My office, and other City departments, have received inquiries about the supportive housing project proposed for 3240 Skaha Lake Road, as announced by you in December 2020.

We understand BC Housing is holding a virtual information session on January 19, 2021. It is also our understanding that only neighbours to the project have been invited (via mail) to attend this session.

Council is requesting a robust community engagement program for this project and would encourage BC Housing to hold multiple information and engagement sessions. Further, those sessions should be open to the public and advertised accordingly so that all interested community members can fully understand the project and provide their feedback.

As BC Housing will be before Council in the future to request a development permit approval for the project, Council will be interested in the results of that public engagement as part of our decision making process.

Finally, our Council met with BC Housing staff on December 9, 2020. Council requested, and BC Housing agreed to provide more information on this project, as well as previous projects, statistical information related to homeless counts, needs assessments and definitions/descriptions of services provided by BC Housing. Our staff have followed up on numerous occasions, and although BC Housing has said they are working on the request, we still have not received any of this information. We believe this is the sort of information that will allow not only Council, but our residents to provide proper feedback to BC Housing on their proposal.

We look forward to hearing from you with regards to BC Housing's community and public engagement plan for this project and please don't hesitate to contact my office, should you or your staff have any questions.

Yours truly,

John Vassilaki  
Mayor

cc: Penticton City Council

Donny van Dyk, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Penticton

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