



April 12, 2021

Blake Laven, RPP, MCIP
Director, Development Services
City of Penticton
171 Main Street
Penticton, BC
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Dear Blake,

Thank you for your letter of March 30, 2021.

The Society remains committed to providing services and support to the community's most vulnerable. We have no intention to reduce the services that we agreed to provide as part of our Agreement with BC Housing. We continue to be open and responsive to our neighbours and to ensure our Neighbourhood Watch Team continues on a daily basis responding to issues that are identified to them. We also encourage issues to be brought forward at our bi-weekly meeting so we can work together in a spirit of partnership to develop solutions. We believe that by providing services and support to the community's most vulnerable we are actually reducing neighbourhood impacts and creating opportunities for people to come indoors.

Please direct any requests for a change to our service delivery model to BC Housing. Please also ensure that if there is a bylaw or police related matter that these are brought forward at our bi-weekly meeting to address or calling us directly rather than a letter sent to the building owner threatening fines, etc. This approach provides little in the way of opportunity to problem solve issues and it does not help to create strong partnerships as we work together to try to build solutions around our homelessness crisis in Penticton.

Sincerely,

Tony Laing, CEO
Penticton and District Society For Community Living

cc: BCHMC