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Subject: Nkwukwma Development

Hello,

I am writing to express concern about the proposed development on the hillside close to town. This feels like unsustainable growth for this area that is already one of the fastest growing towns in BC and Canada. There seems to be no realistic sustainability plan or infrastructure in place here to support such rapid growth of a very small community. We only have two grocery stores, a very small handful of retail and services in town, a few restaurants that are not open past 9 or 10pm, no taxis, no regular public transportation, limited parking, 2 schools that are full as it is, a small rural medical clinic that is already operating at maximum capacity with not enough staff, space or services for existing residents, many of whom can't even get a doctor's appointment when they need one, limited daycare with waiting lists of 1-3 years, limited access to amenities, youth programs, community services etc that are always all full and not accessible by many who need them, and a housing crisis that more multi million dollar homes on the hill will not solve. This will attract more wealthy out of town people, not solve any of the issues our existing population is already dealing with.

There is one road in and out of town, constant issues with closures and delays on the highway, our area is prone to flood and wildfire risk with one evacuation route, you are also proposing an additional development on a flood plane, our property taxes are increasing at absurd and unsustainable rates with no clear indication of where all the money is going considering the lack of basic amenities and infrastructure listed here. People are already struggling more than ever and this just feels like a tax grab for the village that will not give any significant benefit to anyone else.

Why do we need to push development into the mountainside and further disrupt the natural habitat and ecosystem around us when we can barely function as we are? There are major issues in this town not being addressed or considered. We are paying higher taxes per capita (due to inflated and unrealistic property values that do not reflect the financial status of the people who live here and call this place home) taxes are higher than almost anywhere else, and it makes no sense to keep driving up property values and increasing the population when the town is maxed out and there is no basic infrastructure in place to support this level of growth.

It seems ridiculous that this is even being considered.

Nada Shureih
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