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## RE: Zoning Amendment Application – Letter of Intent

Subject Property: 530 Carson Ave, Quesnel BC

BC Housing has been leasing 20 units in the Grace Inn hotel and is now planning on permanently converting these units to permanent housing. The proposed rezoning would allow BC Housing to purchase these units and permanently secure their affordability.

The proposed zoning change would also enable the site's future redevelopment, into a mix of supportive and affordable housing options. Based on future funding opportunities, BC Housing would engage an architect and develop plans for a phased redevelopment including new purpose-built supportive housing.

BC Housing follows an evidence-based and internationally recognized housing first model for British Columbians experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Quesnel recorded 127 individuals who were homeless on the 2023 Report on Homeless Count. By providing these homes, tenants can access important aspects of well-being such as support services to encourage a healthy lifestyle and job skills training, as well as privacy and hygiene facilities.

The Grace Inn was initially leased during the COVID pandemic as a rapid response to homelessness. A non-profit operator was brought on, and they have been operating the units and supporting tenants for the last few years.

Following the purchase and rezoning, the building would follow the Supportive Housing Fund model — the site and building would be owned by BC Housing and operated by an experienced non-profit service provider. The selected operator would provide 24/7 on-site staffing and support, including:

- A daily meal program.
- Individual or group support services such as: life skills, community information, social and recreational programs.
- Connecting residents to community supports and services such as: education, employment, health, life skills, long-term housing.
- Case planning and resident needs assessment, including the Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) will be used for tenant selection.

- Assistance in accessing income assistance, pension benefits, disability benefits, obtaining a BC identification card, or establishing a bank account as appropriate.
- Supporting residents to maintain their residencies, such as: directly assisting with room de-cluttering, resident rent contribution and/or repayment plans.

Engaging with neighbours and community members is a priority for BC Housing. Please join us for an online community engagement session via Zoom (on your computer) on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. There will be a 30-minute presentation to start, followed with a Q&A for participants to ask questions about the project.

Thank you for your time in considering this application. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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