

Re: Application for zoning By-law amendment West-End Adventures Inc. File RZ A07-21

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Dear sirs:

My name is Anita Tomayer and I am the registered owner of 4015 Regina Street. I have lived at this location for over 50 years.

I DO think that this region could use a crematorium – Just not across the highway from me. I never ever thought I would be writing a “Not in my back yard kind of letter” but here I am.

I am NOT in favour of the proposed rezoning of this property in order to install a crematorium. Many people living in this area have already sent in objections to this project and I support their attitudes and claims against the project. There are many valid reasons to be opposed to building the crematorium in this area. I will not take up your time by reiterating all of them.

When I moved here, the subject property was a trailer court with probably 20 units. That piece of ground was reported to be very wet and swampy and never had very good drainage. I also understand that the Provincial Health Department finally closed it down due to unsanitary septic/sewer concerns regarding drainage into the nearby creek. Surely, we are rightfully aware that there may be dangerous drainage into the near-by creek from the proposed crematorium.

I understand from the proposal that the land would only be LEASED to the crematorium. If things didn't work out and the project abandoned, the neighbourhood and landlord could be left with buildings and other facilities that would turn into more of an eyesore and be costly to remove.

I note that the “Official Notice” about the proposed change in the By-Law is in the Smithers Interior News this past week. This is hardly enough time for ANYONE to respond before your meeting to address this change. You may be abiding by YOUR by-laws, but it gives the impression of trying to slip one past the citizens who would be impacted by this change.

It is my understanding that there is land on Tatlow Road that is already zoned for a crematorium which would lend itself a better location for the crematorium. There could be better airflow and less households impacted.

As I have noted, I am NOT against a crematorium in the Smithers area. But I would beseech you to rule against this rezoning in our area and to encourage the proponents to seek another location.

Thank you for your attention.

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