

TO: Jason Llewellyn, Director of Planning, Regional District Bulkley Nechako  
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My name is Patricia Peterson and I reside at 3610 Powell St. My house is located off of Elgin Ave above the proposed site for the crematorium and eventually two additional structures. I would question why this service needs to be located on the highway and especially in a location so close to the Hudson Bay Mountain where we have days when the air flow is such that smoke from wood fires can hang in the air and contribute to breathing difficulties.

My husband and I moved to this location in 1973 and have welcomed new houses being built and young families moving into this area. We have treasured many days in our front yard and on our front porch enjoying a splendid view of the Hudson Bay Mountain. Over the years, we have entertained people from around the world who have commented on the beauty and how lucky we were.

At the November 17<sup>th</sup> public meeting, it was suggested that there would be a 25-30ft stack on the crematorium which is not shown in the artist mock up of the proposed structures and was not fully explained why that is necessary. The emotional impacts of this facility located on that site are significant to individuals, families, friends who have lost loved ones. My husband suffered from asthma and COPD and experienced days when breathing for him was difficult without the added emotion of a 25ft chimney stack in his direct line of sight. It also does not present an attractive visual to anyone travelling into or out of Smithers. It does not say Smithers is a vibrant and welcoming community. As a property owner, I am concerned about the value of properties in this area. There are other areas that are zoned M1 – light industrial, located off highway and more ideal to this service.

I do not dispute that a crematorium service is needed in this area, but strongly feel it needs to be located in a more private and discreet area.

Thank You,

Patty Peterson

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