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Courtenay City Council :

I wish to object to this idea in the strongest possible terms.

I fail to see how moving the problems that have occurred and still occur at the Travelodge location on 26th 7 blocks closer to the residential areas that surround the 19th St. can be considered a good idea.

Notwithstanding the residents of the establishment , how is moving the problems of unruly behaviour, leaving garbage and used needles lying around, petty and other theft issues, to say nothing of open drug dealing and use supposed to make what is basically a residential area with many seniors and children a better place to live?

Does City |Council really want children to look out their windows to see this ? Does Council really want to make the area unsafe for them to play in ?

Does Council really want to make it impossible for anything to be left unattended for fear of theft ?

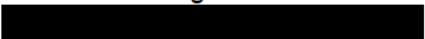
On a purely financial note, how does Council plan to deal with the inevitable drop in property values and the increasing policing costs? Is there a plan to deal with the garbage that is being left on city property ?

The City has had a number of years to deal with the long term problems of homelessness, drug addiction, and the mental health issues that accompany the first two issues. All I have seen done is what can only be described as very little or nothing. There has been a lot of talk but everything has been ruled out as " bad for business" and justifiably so. Why then are you prepared to pass the problems off to a residential area ?

I have very carefully read the leaflet that was mailed to me. I understand exactly what is said about the zoning and permitted uses. I also understand that this is just the legal excuse to allow BC Housing to set up operation in what amounts to a family neighbourhood.

On a personal note, I understand the need to provide services to the people who need it and I do not begrudge it. I also understand the farcical nature of the meeting. All the media coverage I have seen or read tells me it's a done deal and this meeting has absolutely no relevance. When the Deputy Mayor, several Councillors and our MLA all appear on news broadcasts saying how great this is and how much it is going to make things better for the homeless, etc I can only assume this meeting is to give the project after the fact approval and satisfy legal requirements. I do not appreciate being blindsided by such dealings.

To put it very bluntly, you are satisfying the legal requirements, but utterly failing to consider any moral responsibilities for the well being of the majority of the population.

Gordon A Darling  


**From:** [Anna Magera](#)  
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To whom it may concern,

We are neighbourhood residents who were surprised to learn about the sale of the Super 8 Motel and its conversion to a supportive housing facility.

We recognize and support the need for additional housing, and supportive housing, in the Comox Valley. We also ask that Council consider the following 2 points with respect to the temporary use permit from BC Housing for this property at 1885 Cliffe Ave:

**(1) Community consultation to date has been insufficient.** An information session (in early June) with some posters with only a week's notice, and no virtual attendance options, is not sufficient.

**(2) If the application is approved, please consider approving it for a shorter time period (e.g. 1 year instead of 3) with additional conditions placed on the permit for the purpose of developing a long-term solution.** There could be an option for renewal for up to 3 years upon review of progress by BC Housing on meeting conditions with respect to community consultation, progress on a long-term housing solution for residents (at the same location or other locations), etc. We feel that a shorter time period will help move forward with meaningful discussions and progress with results.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration.

All the best,

Anna Magera and David Redpath