

March 19th, 2021

Mayor and Council
City of Delta
4500 Clarence Taylor Crescent
Delta, BC V4K 3E2

RE: Support for Affordable Housing Societies' Redevelopment of 4603-4649 Evergreen Lane

Dear Mayor Harvie and Councillors,

When the BC Chamber of Commerce completed its most recent province-wide "Collective Perspectives Survey" two key issues were noted by employers in Delta which made it difficult for them to effectively recruit and retain workers. These concerns were the availability of affordable housing in Delta and transportation to and from Delta, especially in industrial areas.

The Delta Chamber of Commerce agrees with our BC Chamber on the importance of ensuring that a variety of affordable housing options are supported through zoning, official community plans, and by Mayor and Council. When working families have access to affordable housing choices within Delta, it provides greater opportunities to both live and work within the same community and enhances their ability to take advantage of public transit and/or active transportation options here as well.

The Affordable Housing Societies' application for re-development of 4603-4649 Evergreen Lane is an example of complete community housing planning. With below-market seniors' and family rental homes located within walking or cycling distance of schools, shops, transit and recreation and community amenities, this redevelopment of their existing property will improve accessibility and add additional affordable housing choices to the community, while meeting current OCP guidelines.

Delta is home to many essential service businesses and these businesses need to recruit and retain workers. Reasonable commutes, which are accessible by public transit or active transportation options; and a diverse stock of housing – including affordable and below market rental housing choices – are an important component in success for these industries and for the success of complete communities.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Board of Directors – Delta Chamber of Commerce

cc: Mr. Stephen Bennett, CEO – Affordable Housing Societies
Board of Directors – Delta Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Sean McGill, City Manager – City of Delta
Ms. Mel Cheesman, Director of Corporate Services – City of Delta
Mr. Garry Shearer, Executive Director – Delta Chamber of Commerce